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Biden closes in on a 'historic' deal

But votes to pass \$1.75T domestic bill are still in flux

By Lisa Mascaro, Aamer Madhani and Farnoush Amiri Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden declared Thursday that he had reached a "historic" framework with Democrats in Congress on his sweeping domestic policy package, but he was still struggling for critical final support from skeptical colleagues for the hard-fought and dramatically scaled-back bill.

Eager to have a deal in hand before his departure for global summits, Biden made his case privately on Capitol Hill to House Democrats and publicly in a speech at the White House. He's now pressing for a still-robust package — \$1.75 trillion of social services and climate change programs — that the White House believes can

pass the 50-50 Senate.

He departed for Europe with Democrats closer to a deal but battles remaining as they press to finish up the final draft in the days and weeks ahead.

"It will fundamentally change the lives of millions of people for the better," Biden said about the package, which he badly wanted before the summits to show the world American democracy still works.

"Let's get this done," he exhorted.

Together with a nearly \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill, Biden claimed the infusion of federal investments would be a domestic achievement modeled on those of Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and Lyndon Johnson.

"I need your votes," Biden told the lawmakers at the Capitol, according to a person who requested anonymity to discuss the private remarks.

But final votes will not be called for some time. The revised package has lost some top priorities, frustrating many lawmakers as the president's ambitions make way for the political realities of the narrowly divided Congress.

Paid family leave and efforts to lower prescription drug pricing are now gone entirely from the package, drawing outrage from some lawmakers and advocates.

Still in the mix, a long list of other priorities: Free prekindergarten for all youngsters, expanded health care programs — includ-

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Gov. Ned Lamont, left, embraces the mother of slain 14-year-old Will Vasquez at a news conference on juvenile crime at the state Capitol in Hartford on Thursday. JESSICA HILL PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

'A lot we've got to do'

14-year-old Will Vasquez might be alive if justice system was stricter in Connecticut, Gov. Ned Lamont says

By Christopher Keating Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — A 14-year-old boy who was shot in the head early Monday morning might be alive today if the criminal justice system had kept him off the streets after previous arrests,

Gov. Ned Lamont said Thursday. Lamont's comments came at a state Capitol press conference after he met with the mother and grandmother of Will Vasquez, who was brought to a Waterbury hospital at about 4 a.m. Monday. He died later at Connecticut Children's in Hartford.

Echoing concerns raised by Republicans in the General Assembly, Lamont emphasized Thursday that the judicial system must take a harder look at the relatively small number of juveniles who are committing much of the crime, and particularly vehicle thefts.

If the courts "had been a little stricter" with Vasquez during his previous arrests, with

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The mother, left, and grandmother of a 14-year-old Hamden boy who was shot in the head and dropped off at a Waterbury hospital, and Andrew Woods, the executive director of Hartford Communities That Care, listen during a news conference on juvenile crime at the Capitol on Thursday.

Conn. crime plummeted 30% over past decade

Even as homicides, car thefts increased during COVID-19 pandemic, according to report

By Zach Murdock

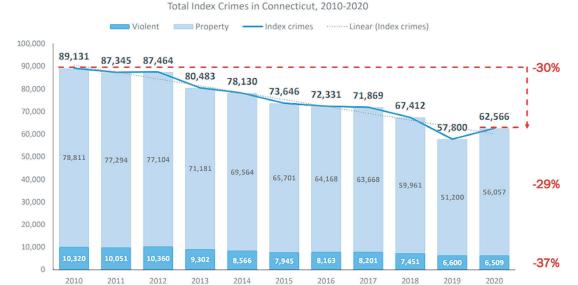
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The rate of overall crime across Connecticut has fallen precipitously over the past decade, both before and during the COVID-19 pandemic, even as substantial increases in car thefts and homicides since 2020 have put the state's criminal justice system in the political hot seat.

Even accounting for those increases, the overall rate of violent crime in Connecticut fell 37% from 2010 to 2020 and the rate of property crimes fell 29% over that decade, according to the findings of a new report by the state's Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division released Thursday.

The data culled directly from the state's law enforcement agencies and court systems show dramatic

Connecticut's index crime rate, 2010 to 2020



SOURCE: DESPP Connecticut Crime Online

Is kids' mental health in crisis?

Providers urge state legislators to invest in community programs

By Eliza Fawcett
Hartford Courant

Providers and experts on the front lines of Connecticut's pediatric mental health crisis urged state legislators to increase support for mental health care staff, deepen investments in community-based programs and expand mobile crisis units during a legislative forum held in Hartford on Thursday.

In recent weeks, providers have described an "overwhelming" surge in demand for pediatric behavioral health care, as greater numbers of children, with more acute symptoms, arrive in emergency departments and turn to community providers, seeking care.

Howard Sovronsky, Connecticut Children's chief behavioral health officer, told legislators on the Committee on Children that the mental health crisis is not limited to emergency departments — which have been inundated with young patients — but rather reflects "the breakdown in our entire system of care."

The current crisis has deep roots - rates of childhood mental health issues and suicide have been rising for at least a decade - but was exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, which last week joined other pediatric organizations to declare the issue a "national emergency." Over the past year and a half, children have confronted social isolation, disruption, sickness and death and rates of anxiety, depression and suicidality have

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Demolition begins on vacant St. Thomas Aquinas

Twenty-two years after the last class gradated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School in New Britain, several dozen alumni gathered in the parking lot Thursday to watch the start of its demolition.

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ing the launch of a new \$35 billion hearing aid benefit for people with Medicare – and \$555 billion to tackle climate change.

One pivotal Democratic holdout, Sen. Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, said, "I look forward to getting this

However, another, Joe Manchin of West Virginia, was less committal: "This is all in the hands of the House right now."

The two Democrats have almost single-handedly reduced the size and scope of their party's big vision.

Republicans remain overwhelmingly opposed, forcing Biden to rely on the Democrats' narrow majority in Congress with no votes to spare in the Senate and few in the House.

Taking form after months of negotiations, Biden's emerging bill would still be among the most sweeping

of its kind in a generation, modeled on New Deal and Great Society programs. The White House calls it the largest-ever investment in climate change and the biggest improvement to the nation's health care system in more than a decade.

In his meeting with lawmakers at the Capitol. Biden made clear how important it was to show progress as he headed to the summits.

"We are at an inflection point," he said. "The rest of the world wonders whether we can function."

With U.S. elections on the horizon, he said it's not "hyperbole to say that the House and Senate majorities and my presidency will be determined by what happens in the next week."

At one point, Biden "asked for a spirited enthusiastic vote on his plan," said Rep. Richard Neal, D-Mass.

Twice over the course of the hourlong meeting Democratic lawmakers rose to their feet and started yell-



Sen. Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, right, arrives for a meeting Thursday at the Capitol with Reps. Joe Neguse of Colorado, left, Pramila Jayapal of Washington state and other lawmakers not shown. STEFANI REYNOLDS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

ing: "Vote, vote," said Rep. Gerald Connolly of

Biden's proposal would be paid for by imposing a new 5% surtax on income over \$10 million a year, and instituting a new 15% corporate minimum tax, keeping with his plans to have no new taxes on those earning less than \$400,000 a year, officials said.

Revenue to help pay for the package would also come from rolling back some of the Trump administration's 2017 tax cuts, along with

stepped-up enforcement of tax-dodgers by the IRS. With the framework

being swiftly converted to full legislative text for review, lawmakers and aides cautioned it had not yet been agreed to.

Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., the progressive caucus leader, said: "We want to see the actual text because we don't want any confusion and misunderstandings.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Biden asked the House to vote Thursday on the related \$1 trillion infrastructure bill that already cleared the Senate but became tangled in deliberations over the broader bill. It faces a Sunday deadline, when routine transportation funds risk expiring.

But no votes were scheduled. Progressives have been withholding their support as leverage until they have a commitment that Manchin, Sinema and the other senators are ready to vote on Biden's bigger package.

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tougher probation requirements and keeping an ankle bracelet monitor on him, Lamont said "that probably would have given this kid a better chance to be alive today."

"We have a lot we've got to do," said Lamont, who was joined outside the Capitol by Vasquez's mother and grandmother, along with Waterbury Mayor Neil M. O'Leary and James C. Rovella, commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

Lamont said the judicial system must use the tools that it already has detaining suspects longer, addressing the most serious crimes, more restrictive probation and taking up court cases faster — to get tough on the 10% of young people who are committing much of the crime.

Lamont said he will soon nominate more judges to move cases more quickly through the courts. A judicial spokeswoman said Thursday that there are currently 43 vacancies for judges in the Superior

"I think sometimes that people look at this just as law and order are understating the nature of the problem. The stress that our communities' have gone through — what you see in terms of domestic violence, what you see in drug addiction, what you see in terms of fist fights in the hallway."

Despite Republican pleas for a special session to battle juvenile crime, Lamont's office said there are no immediate plans to call for a special legislative session to deal with crime.

"Some of these kids we've got to be a lot stricter with," Lamont said. "Ten percent of these folks are creating 90% of the problem. Look at what happened in the

shooting in this case." Rovella was equally blunt. "One hundred to 200

Republican reaction

need to be in custody."

House Republican Leader Vincent Candelora repeated his call for a special session to tackle juvenile crime and noted that Lamont repeated reforms Republicans have called for.

"It's sad that it took months, and the loss of another life, for the governor to finally acknowledge both the seriousness and depth of this crisis," Candelora said. "We'll have to wait and see what the governor and law enforcement officials know about the tragic death of this teenager, but the fact that during a news conference he even mentioned Republican concepts as he stood alongside people demanding reform to our juvenile

justice system should send a clear signal to legislative Democrats."

Senate Republican leader Kevin Kelly of Stratford said that Lamont must take action in a special session.

"It sounds like Gov. Lamont is finally starting to realize the situation we are in," Kelly said in a statement.

We encourage him to read our plan for a safer Connecticut and call a special session so that we can immediately work together to implement a real, multipronged approach to stop and prevent crime," Kelly said.

"We must act to give law enforcement and our courts the tools they need to address high-risk, repeat offenders. That is the only way to stop crime now. We also need to create opportunity, mentorship, mediation, and address trauma in our communities to prevent crime in the future.'

"Justice reforms and opportunity must go hand in hand," Kelly said. "You cannot address one without the other."

Monitoring bracelet taken off

At the press conference, a somber Lamont talked about the 14-year-old's life after speaking with his family inside the Capitol.

Vasquez had been placed on a monitoring bracelet after being charged with a crime, and the monitor ran out at the end of September. His mother told Lamont she wanted the monitor to remain on her son's leg, but the juvenile court ordered it released, a spokesman said.

"One of the things that Mom said was, 'I wish there were more outlets. I wish there was more to do," Lamont told reporters outside the Capitol Thursday. "I wish the system had just been a little bit stricter.' ... I wish probation had been a little stronger after

his first offense. I wish the ankle bracelet had GPS, so it didn't just track when somebody left the house but could track where they went."

Vasquez lived in Hamden, but he was taken to the hospital in Waterbury after he was shot. Police have not revealed where the shooting occurred, and officials said they could not reveal details Thursday because the investigation is still active. "He was a great kid,"

Lamont said. "He was doing pretty good. Then COVID hit, things shut down, and he started going a little stir crazy.... He got into a car that he shouldn't have gotten into. ... He had a loving mother and a grandmother.'

Both the mother and grandmother stood behind Lamont during the press conference, but they did not speak publicly and officials did not release their names.

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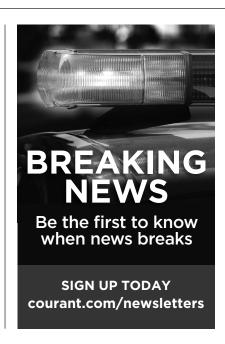
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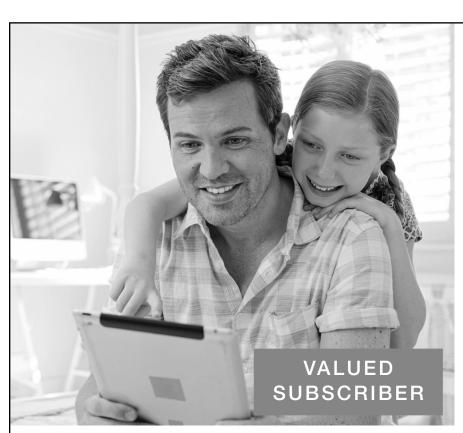
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Connecticut's property crime rate fell 28% and remains below the US rate.

Connecticut's property crime rate rose 9% following a double-digit decrease the previous year, with motor vehicle theft experiencing the

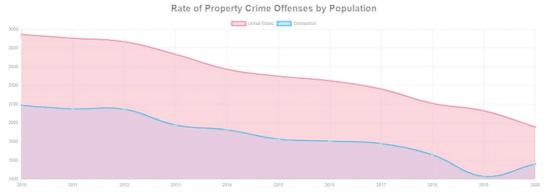
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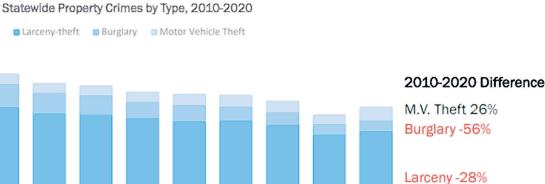
largest increase (41%).

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After a steady decline over the last decade in Connecticut, property crime increased modestly in 2020.



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2018

2017

Source: FBI Crime Data Explorer (https://crime-data-explorer.fr.cloud.gov/pages/home)

Crime

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90,000 80,000

70,000

50,000

20,000

10,000

decreases at every point of the criminal justice system — from the number of crimes reported to police in the first place to arrests, new criminal cases, admissions into Connecticut jails and even releases from those jails, the report

2011

Those sharp declines in crime began long before the reforms now cited by critics as the cause of recent increases in car thefts and homicides - which mirror increases seen in cities large and small, progressive and conservative, across the country since the pandemic began — and they have continued in all other categories of crime through the extreme disruptions the pandemic wrought on policing and courts over the past 18 months.

"We got a lot of work to do, there's no doubt about it, but ... overall, [the report] paints a pretty positive picture of where we've been, where we're heading and I think what's to come," said Gary Roberge, executive director of the Court Support Services Division in the state's judicial branch. "We've got to keep making progress, but I think everything points in the right direction right now."

The data analysis presented Thursday morning to the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission is the first edition of a new annual report, required by state legislators during police reforms made last year, designed to examine long term trends in the state's entire criminal justice system.

Recent incidents, but long-term declines

The findings that overall crime is down dramatically over the past

decade landed as state Republicans have pushed Gov. Ned Lamont and their Democratic counterparts to convene a special legislative session to discuss potential legal revisions after a rash of high-profile car theft incidents this summer, including a fatal hit-andrun in New Britain, and substantial increases in homicides in the state's largest cities.

2015

Republicans have demanded tweaks to the state's juvenile justice rules, in particular, amid an intense focus on crimes committed by teen repeat offenders this year. Democrats and justice reform advocates have said the data belie the rhetoric about rising crime and don't support rolling back any of the state's recent changes.

On Thursday afternoon, standing on the steps of the Capitol with the mother and grandmother of a 14-year-old Hamden boy killed last weekend, Lamont said the state should be stricter with the small number of teens police officials have said are wreaking outsized havoc on Connecticut communities but stopped short of supporting a special session.

"Some of these kids, we've got to be a lot stricter with," Lamont said. "It's probably 10% of these folks who are causing 90% of the problems ... I take that very seriously, not only are they endangering their lives but also the lives of those around them."

Murders and car thefts did increase across Connecticut in 2020 — car thefts dramatically so after a record low year in 2019 and those increases have continued into 2021 both here and across the country, state and national crime data show.

But other categories of crime have dropped so precipitously over the past decade that overall crime rates fell by about one third despite those increases, the new state data

Since 2010, robberies have decreased 43% and aggravated assaults — the largest category of violent crime — have dropped 37%, the data show. Among property crimes, burglary is down 56% over the past decade and larcenies, excluding car thefts, are down 28%

2019

2020

The FBI's annual uniform crime report, released last month, showed Connecticut's violent crime rate was the fourth lowest in the nation last year and it's property crime rate ranked among the bottom 15 states after the rate rose for the first time in a decade last year on the behind those rising car thefts.

Those data put the specific increases over the past 18 months during the tumult of the COVID-19 pandemic into a larger context as experts study why homicides and car thefts have proven to be outliers in the overall drops in almost all other crimes across the country.

The pandemic effect

The long-term data appear to illustrate a shift in items stolen "for value and for purpose," said Marc Pelka, the Office of Policy and Management undersecretary who leads the team that conducted the research.

The pandemic's lockdowns meant most cars stayed at home last year, where they are often left unlocked and are easier to steal, plus vehicles are usually more valuable than a thief could get for merchandise taken from a store, for example, and are frequently used for the purpose of committing other crimes, officials have said.

Experts have been harder pressed to explain the dramatic increase in homicides recorded across the country and in several of Connecticut's cities since the pandemic began. The national Council on Criminal Justice has suggested it is likely driven by a combination of factors related to the social and economic toll of the pandemic.

The Council on Criminal Justice's newest quarterly report, also released Thursday morning, emphasized that murder rates across the country generally remain well below the historic highs of the early 1990s despite the sharp increases seen in many communities.

In Hartford, for example, police have responded to 30 murders so far this year with two full months still left on the 2021 calendar. That rate has put the city on pace to record one of its deadliest years since 1985, rivaled only by the late 80s and early 90s when homicides peaked nationwide and gang wars raged and in 2003, when an arson at the Greenwood Health Center killed 16 in a single night.

Those overall decreases on the so-called "front end" of the criminal justice system have led to equally dramatic decreases in Connecticut's judicial system, especially over the past three years, the new analysis from Pelka's team

The total number of new criminal cases added annually has dropped 34% since 2017 and total admissions to the state's Department of Corrections has dropped 53% over that same time period, the data show. The state's entire incarcerated population of just over 9,300 in October is just over half of what it was a decade ago.

The steepest decreases came over the past two years after the COVID-19 pandemic shut down almost all court functions in March and April 2020 and the system has attempted to work through its backlog in the months since. This May the court system disposed more cases than it added for the first time since the pandemic

Admissions to Connecticut's jails have risen over the past three months ahead of state projections, potentially indicating the criminal justice system may be rebounding from its pandemic lows.

"This is not a red alert that we are sounding, this is simply acknowledging a growing divergence between the forecast and the actual (incarcerated population), so we'd like to monitor that more closely in the coming months," Pelka said Thursday morning.

Adding more judges

Regardless of the overall drop in crime rates, the murders and violent car theft incidents that have increased this year have devastated communities of all kinds across the state and put a renewed emphasis on how the state's criminal justice system must deal with its youngest and most frequent offenders.

Lamont announced Thursday a plan to appoint "an interim class of judges" to help the state court system adjudicate more cases more quickly and suggested some changes should be made to make the juvenile side of the system more strict with repeat offenders.

"I think when people just say it's purely 'law and order' they miss the scope of the problems that a year and a half of COVID, a year and a half of quarantine have caused," Lamont said.

"We're doing better. I'd like to think the crime rate is going to continue to go down, but it is not enough," he continued. "I just heard the most heart-wrenching story you can imagine from a mom and a grandmother whose kid was doing well ... I'm going to do everything I can to make sure that never happens again."

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Children

significantly risen. Dr. Deidre S. Gifford, commissioner of the Department of Social Services, told legislators that state agencies were working collaboratively on the crisis and are "very committed to working through solutions on this very challenging set of problems."

Among other efforts. the state is focused on the creation of a "universal home visiting program," is developing a community health worker program that would address prevention and care coordination issues, and is working on behavioral health workforce issues. Gifford said.

Department of Children and Families commissioner Vannessa Dorantes noted during the forum that part of her department's allocation of federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act is targeted for the expansion of emergency mobile crisis

When asked by committee co-chair state Sen. Saud Anwar, D-South Windsor, what could be done immediately — using funding available from the federal government — to address the pediatric mental health crisis, multiple behavioral health providers urged legislators to direct resources toward attracting and retaining staff.

"We absolutely need stabilization resources

for our staff," said Gary Steck, chief executive officer of Wellmore, a Waterbury-based behavioral health and substance use treatment provider.

Heather Gates, the president and CEO of Community Health Resources, which operates a statewide network of programs for adults and children impacted by mental illness, substance use disorder or trauma, said that legislators could consider significant retention incentives, a pool of funding for staff to be reimbursed for educational expenses, repayment of student loans, and "absolutely anything that says to our staff, we value what you're doing, we understand that you are a critical part of meeting the needs of the kids and families in Connecticut."

Many providers stressed that issues with throughput — the ability to move patients through the flow of hospital services — is a key dimension of the crisis.

Length of stay on an inpatient unit should be no more than three to five days, but that is not always possible, said Patricia Rehmer, senior vice president at Hartford HealthCare.

"Being on an inpatient unit for kids is highly traumatizing, unfortunately, and so we really have a problem with throughput," she said. "We don't have enough community resources, we don't have the programs that we need to discharge them to."

At Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, there were 10 children waiting for a behavioral health bed as of Thursday, and a few have been waiting almost three days, said Jason Malia. medical program director of the hospital's emergency department.

"Just a few years ago, at Yale New Haven Health, we prided ourselves on not having kids stay in the emergency department overnight... we are no longer able to do that, because of volume and because of the need," said Dr. Frank Fortunati, the medical director of the Yale New Haven Psychiatric Hospital.

Across Yale New Haven Health, the amount of time spent caring for behavioral health patients in the emergency department has increased 442% since 2014, due in part to increased wait times for getting patients into inpatient and outpatient facilities, Malia said. Moreover, about 40% of the children who come to the emergency department for behavioral health issues have moderate to high risk for committing suicide, compared to 20-30% in past vears.

"It's a significant challenge to be able to handle this many children in our ED every day," he said.

Roughly a third to half of young people who arrive at emergency departments do not actually require inpatient care, Jeff Vanderploeg, president and chief executive officer of the Child

Health and Development Institute of Connecticut,

told legislators. One way to address that gap, he said, is to use mobile crisis services to triage children before they end up at the emergency department. deescalating situations and connecting children to community resources or more intensive care as needed. The state's mobile crisis intervention services are available throughout Connecticut, free of charge, but are under-utilized by schools and families, he said.

Vanderploeg noted that a study commissioned by CHDI, working with the UConn School of Social Work, compared young people who had used mobile crisis against young people who had presented at an emergency department and found that those who used mobile crisis first had a 25% reduction in subsequent emergency department visits, over an 18-month period.

Even so, Vanderploeg noted that simply expanding mobile crisis services "is not going to be the silver bullet to address this issue," and urged a holistic approach to the crisis.

State Child Advocate Sarah Eagan stressed that "there are structural challenges in our system, but there are things that money and resources can address."

Those actionable steps include increasing the number of child and adolescent psychiatric hospital

beds over the next three to six months, she said, through financial support or a public-private partnership that would enable a private provider to use state infrastructure to expand bed capacity. Eagan also stressed the need to ensure that reimbursement rates match children's levels of need, as well as providers' staffing needs.

Dr. Alice Forrester, the chief executive officer of Clifford Beers, a New Haven-based children's mental health outpatient clinic, noted that the number of children showing up to emergency departments with behavioral health needs belies the true

scope of the crisis. "I can promise you that there are many more youth in mental health crisis who are not accessing our emergency department, or who are doing it through alternative ways: on a stretcher, because they've been shot in the community, or their families are there as a medical emergency because they have to use the ED as their primary care," she said.

Forrester encouraged legislators to make deeper investments in community resources that already exist, like Clifford Beers.

"As community providers, we are the system of mental health in our communities. and we are not being recognized financially or even understood that the services that we do currently, if funded properly, we can go

and build on." Gates, of CHR, urged legislators to address inadequate funding of community services, which drives providers' challenges in finding and retaining staff.

"We cannot work miracles with the resources we get," she said, noting that CHR outpatient clinics have been losing money and it has been difficult to staunch the flow of staff leaving for higher-paying jobs elsewhere.

In response to calls from behavioral health providers to receive increased state funding, committee co-chair State Rep. Liz Linehan, D-Cheshire, said that she recognized that funding is "a significant issue" and said she was working to inform other legislators about the "depth and the breadth of what the issue is, and how it does come down to fund-

Although the pandemic has exacerbated the pediatric mental health crisis, the issue of rising demand for children's behavioral health care is longstanding in Connecticut, said Dr. Laine Taylor, medical director for The Village for Families & Children.

"We're in the same situation as we were six years ago," she said. "If we take a temporary view of this and we think about programming and funding to just stop the bleeding, we're going to be in the same situation, but worse, in another six years. Kids are dying."

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DOJ to pay \$88M in SC massacre

Attorney: Settlement figure in '15 church attack has meaning

By Meg Kinnard Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Families of nine victims killed in a racist attack at a Black South Carolina church have reached a settlement with the Justice Department over a faulty background check that allowed Dylann Roof to purchase the gun he used in the 2015 massacre.

The Justice Department will pay \$88 million, which includes \$63 million for the families of the nine people killed and \$25 million for five survivors who were inside the church at the time of the shooting, it was announced Thursday.

"This is what the law is about. We cannot bring back those nine victims. We cannot erase the scars that those survivors have," Bakari Sellers, one of the lawyers for the families who helped broker the agreement, said at a news conference in Washington. "But what we do here today as lawyers in these families is we say we stand on justice.

"These victims were the best of the best of us" Sellers said.

The \$88 million figure is important beyond its high amount, Sellers said. It represents, he said, a number special to white supremacists because the letter H, referring to Adolf Hitler and the Nazi salute "Heil Hitler," is the eighth letter of the alphabet.

Roof wore shoes with the No. 88 written on them and said he brought 88 bullets to the church, Sellers added.

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According to the Justice



 $Malana\ Pinckney, 12, a\ daughter\ of\ the\ Rev.\ Clementa\ Pinckney, opens\ up\ to\ the\ media\ Thursday\ in\ Washington.\ \textbf{CLIFF}\ OWEN/AP$

Department, settlements for the families of those killed range from \$6 million to \$7.5 million per claimant. Survivors' settlements are \$5 million per claimant.

Among those who appeared Thursday at the news conference were Jennifer Pinckney, the widow of the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, the 41-year-old pastor of Emanuel and a state senator, and the Rev. Anthony Thompson, whose wife, Myra Thompson, was also murdered in the shooting.

Also killed were the Rev. Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, Cynthia Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lance, the Rev. DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders and the Rev. Daniel Simmons Sr.

"The healing process is taking place every day, and it is due not to the settlement," Anthony Thompson said. "It is due to the courageous and committed acts of the people in the community, people in our church, in our state, people in this nation."

Jennifer Pinckney, who survived the shooting, was also accompanied by her daughters, Eliana and Malana.

"When I was 6 years old when this terrible massacre happened, I didn't know that my father was such a big inspiration to people all over the world," Malana said. "So something I want to leave you with today here is just because you came from nothing, doesn't mean that you can't be something."

Eliana added, "My sister and I are going to go home realizing that the government didn't sit in silence, but they paid attention, and they valued my father's life and they value the lives of the eight other people who died."

Months before the June 17, 2015, church shooting, Roof was arrested Feb. 28 by Columbia, South Carolina, police on the drug possession charge.

But a series of clerical errors and missteps allowed Roof to buy the handgun he Washington. **CLIFF OWEN/AP** later used in the massacre.

The errors included wrongly listing the sheriff's office as the arresting agency in the drug case, according to court documents.

An examiner with the

National Instant Criminal

Background Check System found some information on the arrest but needed more to deny the sale, so she sent a fax to a sheriff's office.

The sheriff's office

responded it didn't have the report, directing her to the Columbia police.

Under the system's

Under the system's operating procedures, the examiner was directed to a federal listing of law enforcement agencies, but Columbia police did not

appear on the list.

After trying the separate West Columbia Police Department and being told it was the wrong agency, the examiner did nothing more.

After a three-day waiting period, Roof went back to a West Columbia store to pick up the handgun.

The lawsuit for a time was thrown out, with a judge writing that an examiner followed procedures but also blasting the federal government for what he called its "abysmally poor policy choices" in how it runs the national database for firearm background checks. The suit was subsequently reinstated by a federal appeals court.

"The mass shooting at Mother Emanuel AME Church was a horrific hate crime that caused immeasurable suffering for the families of the victims and the survivors," Attorney General Merrick Garland said in a statement. "Since the day of the shooting, the Justice Department has sought to bring justice to the community, first by a successful hate crime prosecution and today by settling civil claims."

In 2017, Roof became the first person in the country sentenced to death for a federal hate crime.

Authorities have said Roof opened fire during the Bible study at the church, raining down dozens of bullets on those assembled. He was 21 at the time.

The FBI has acknowledged that Roof's drug possession arrest should have prevented him from buying a gun.

The New York Times and The Charlotte Observer contributed.

Some of what is staying in Biden's spending plan

By Josh Boak and Kevin Freking Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After months of talks with Democratic lawmakers, President Joe Biden outlined Thursday a \$1.75 trillion framework to support families and education as well as protect against global warming.

The updated plan includes universal preschool, funding to limit child care costs and a one-year continuation of a child tax credit that was expanded earlier this year and applied to more families

But Democrats are scaling back some investments and shortening the timeframe for funding to whittle down spending.

Some proposals were dropped entirely.

However, more negotiations are possible.

The framework fits an approximately \$1.75 trillion budget over 10 years, rather than the \$3.5 trillion budget plan originally envisioned.

Here's some of what's in the package, according to the White House:

Tax breaks

■ An expanded child tax credit would continue for another year. As part

of a COVID-19 relief bill, Democrats increased the tax credit to \$3,000 per child age 6-17 and \$3,600 per child age 5 and younger. Households earning up to \$150,000 per year get the credit paid out to them on a monthly basis. Budget hawks worry that a one-year extension is a budgetary tool that will lower the cost of the program on paper, but mask its true costs since lawmakers tend to continue programs rather than let them expire.

■ Continue for one year the expanded Earned Income Tax Credit that goes to 17 million childless, low-income workers.

Education

■ Universal prekindergarten for all 3- and 4-year-olds and child-care subsidies for poorer and middle-income Americans are part of the package. But the programs are only funded for six years.

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Provide \$40 billion for higher education and workforce development. This includes raising the size of Pell Grants and providing funding for historically Black colleges and universities as well as institutions where students are largely Hispanic or serve tribal communities.

Health care

■ Medicare would be expanded to cover hearing aids, costing an estimated \$35 billion over 10 years.

■ Expanded tax credits for insurance premiums tied to the Affordable Care Act would be extended through 2025. The White House said it would help 3 million uninsured people gain coverage.

■ Provide \$150 billion for a Medicaid program that supports home health care, helping to clear a backlog and improving working conditions.

■ Provide \$90 billion for investments that would include funding maternal health, community violence initiatives, disadvantaged farmers, nutrition and pandemic preparation.

Child care

■ Biden's plan calls for parents earning up to 250% of a state's median income to pay no more than 7% of their income on child care. Parents must be working, seeking a job, in school or dealing with a health issue to qualify.

Housing

■ Commit \$150 billion toward housing affordability



President Joe Biden and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi exit Thursday from a meeting with the House Democratic Caucus in Washington, D.C. **SARAHBETH MANEY/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

with the goal of building more than 1 million new rental and single-family homes. The goal would be to reduce price pressures by providing rental and down payment assistance.

Environment

■ Fund \$320 billion worth of clean energy tax credits. These credits over 10 years would help businesses and homeowners shift to renewable energy sources for electricity, vehicles and manufacturing.

■ Provide \$110 billion to

help develop new domestic supply chains and develop new solar and battery technologies. Support would also be given to existing steel, cement and aluminum industries.

Use \$20 billion for the government to become the buyer of clean energy technologies as part of the procurement process.

Taxes

■ Beefs up the IRS to improve collections and close the gap between taxes owed and taxes paid.

■ A 15% minimum income tax on large corporations, along with a 1% surcharge on corporate stock buybacks.

A new surtax on multi-millionaires and billionaires.

■ Aligning the U.S. with an agreement reached by more than 100 countries this month designed to deter multinational companies from stashing profits in low-tax countries.

■ Closes a provision that allows some wealthy taxpayers to avoid paying the 3.8% Medicare tax on their earnings.

The Vatican said it will provide edited footage of Pope Francis meeting President Biden. **GETTY-AFP**

Vatican dials back live TV coverage of Biden greeting pope

By Nicole Winfield Associated Press

ROME — The Vatican on Thursday abruptly canceled the planned live broadcast of President Joe Biden meeting Pope Francis, the latest restriction to media coverage of the Holy See that sparked complaints from White House- and Vatican-accredited journalists.

The live broadcast of Biden's visit Friday was trimmed to cover the arrival of the president's motorcade in the courtyard of the Apostolic Palace. Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni said the revised plan reflected the "normal procedure" established during the coronavirus pandemic for all visiting heads of state or government.

Canceled was the live coverage of Biden greeting Francis in the palace Throne Room, as well as the live footage of the two men sitting down to begin their private talks in Francis' library, at which time the cameras would have stopped running.

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The Vatican said it would provide edited footage of the encounter after the fact to accredited media, as it provides for other visiting heads of state. Bruni didn't say why the Vatican had originally announced broader live coverage only to dial it back on the eve of the visit.

Biden, the second Catholic U.S. president, has met Francis three times, but this will be his first as president. The audience was being closely monitored since U.S. bishops are due to meet in a few weeks for their annual fall convention, with one of the agenda items inspired by conservatives who contend that Biden's support for abortion rights should disqualify him from receiving Communion. Francis has upheld the church's opposition to abortion, calling it "murder." But he has said bishops should be pastors,

not politicians.
The Vatican has provided

live television coverage for the visits of major heads of state for years and had scheduled such coverage Friday for Biden and for South Korean President Moon Jae-in, who is also in Rome for a Group of 20 meeting.

A live broadcast was particularly important because the Vatican hasn't allowed independent photographers and journalists into papal audiences with visiting leaders since the start of the pandemic.

Facebook froze as comments flew

Social media giant was overwhelmed by anti-vaccine rhetoric

By David Klepper and Amanda Seitz Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In March, as claims about the dangers and ineffectiveness of coronavirus vaccines spun across social media and undermined attempts to stop the spread of the virus, some Facebook employees thought they had found a way to help.

By subtly altering how posts about vaccines are ranked in people's newsfeeds, researchers at the company realized they could curtail misleading information.

"Given these results, I'm assuming we're hoping to launch ASAP," one Facebook employee wrote in March, responding to the internal memo about the study.

Instead, Facebook shelved some suggestions from the study. Other changes weren't made until April. Critics, say, Facebook

Critics say Facebook was slow to act because it worried it might impact the company's profits.

"Why would you not remove comments? Because engagement is the only thing that matters," said Imran Ahmed, the CEO of the Center for Countering Digital Hate, an internet watchdog group. "It drives attention and attention equals eyeballs and eyeballs equal ad revenue."

Facebook's internal discussions were revealed in disclosures made to the Securities and Exchange Commission and provided to Congress in redacted form by former Facebook employee-turned-whistleblower Frances Haugen's legal counsel. The redacted versions received by Congress were obtained by a consortium of news organizations.

The trove of documents



Several people protest COVID-19 vaccines and mask mandates on Aug. 20 near the state capitol in Santa Fe, New Mexico. CEDAR ATTANASIO/AP

shows that in the midst of the pandemic, Facebook carefully investigated how its platforms spread misinformation about life-saving vaccines. They also reveal rank-and-file employees regularly suggested solutions for countering anti-vaccine misinformation on the site, to no avail.

Typically, Facebook ranks posts by engagement — the total number of likes, dislikes, comments and reshares. That may work well for innocuous subjects, like recipes or dog photos or the latest viral singalong. But Facebook's own documents show that when it comes to divisive, contentious issues engagement-based ranking only emphasizes polarization, disagreement and

doubt.

To study ways to reduce vaccine misinformation, Facebook researchers changed how posts are ranked for more than 6,000 users in the U.S., Mexico, Brazil and the Philippines. Instead of seeing posts about vaccines that were chosen based on their engagement, these users saw posts selected for their trustworthiness.

The results were a nearly 12% decrease in content that made claims debunked by fact-checkers and an 8% increase in content from authoritative public health organizations such as the World Health Organization or the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

Employees at the

company reacted with exuberance, according to internal exchanges.

Facebook said it did

implement many of the

study's findings — but not

for another month, a delay that came at a pivotal stage of the global vaccine rollout. In a statement, company spokeswoman Dani Lever said the internal documents "don't represent the considerable progress we have made since that time in promoting reliable information about COVID-19." The

ment the changes.

Yet the need to act urgently couldn't have been clearer: At that time, states were rolling out vaccines to their most vulnerable.

company also said it took

time to consider and imple-

And public health officials were worried. Only 10% of the population had received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. And a third of Americans were thinking about skipping the shot entirely, according to a poll from Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Despite this, Facebook employees acknowledged they had "no idea" just how bad anti-vaccine sentiment was in the comments sections on Facebook posts. But company research in February found that as much as 60% of the comments on vaccine posts were anti-vaccine or vaccine reluctant.

Some Facebook employees suggested disabling all commenting on vaccine posts while the company worked on a solution. The

suggestion went nowhere.
Instead, Facebook
CEO Mark Zuckerberg
announced March 15 that
the company would start
labeling posts about vaccines
that described them as safe.

The move allowed Facebook to continue to get high engagement — and ultimately profit — off anti-vaccine comments, said Ahmed of the Center for Countering Digital Hate.

"Facebook has taken decisions which have led to people receiving misinformation which caused them to die," he said. "At this point, there should be a murder investigation."

On Thursday, Facebook rebranded itself as Meta.





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Iran wanted US out of Afghanistan

But Taliban takeover creates a number of problems for Tehran

By Farnaz Fassihi The New York Times

For 20 years, Iranian officials have said they wanted the U.S. military out of Afghanistan. Iran supplied Afghan insurgents with weapons to use against American soldiers. It sheltered al-Qaida's top leaders in Tehran. It courted the Taliban with diplomatic visits, covertly and then publicly.

But when the United States finally left Afghanistan in August, the swift Taliban takeover caught Iran off guard.

Suddenly, Iran, a Shiite Muslim theocracy, had a militant Sunni theocracy on its border that is widely seen as anti-Shiite.

The upheaval has also sent a flood of Afghan refugees into Iran, has led to fears that Afghanistan will again become an incubator for terrorism, and has trapped Iranian leaders in a diplomatic tangle in dealing with a Taliban government seen as both a potential enemy and partner.

The episode has turned into a classic lesson in "be careful what you wish for."

"Iran has come to understand that the enemy's enemy is not your friend, and the Taliban are a more complex problem than Americans," said Mohammad Hossein Emadi, a former Iranian diplomat who advised Afghanistan's government and worked in the country for the United Nations.

"The consensus is to deal with the Taliban very carefully and pragmatically," Emadi said.

Iran's biggest concern, officials said, is the resurgence of the Afghan branch of the Islamic State, which has carried out large-scale attacks against Shiites in Afghanistan and could use Afghanistan as a base to



Taliban officials in August. The group's takeover sent a flood of Afghan refugees into Iran. JIM HUYLEBROEK/THE NEW YORK TIMES

launch terrorist attacks in Iran.

The Taliban, despite their promises to provide security and stability, have so far proven unwilling or unable to prevent Islamic State attacks on Shiites in Afghanistan.

Iranian officials are also concerned about the fate of two minority ethnic groups, the Hazara, who are Shiite Muslim, and the Tajiks, who have close cultural ties to Iran.

The Taliban eliminated the informal power-sharing arrangement that encouraged representation for those groups in the government, and they have been accused of carrying out extrajudicial killings and forced displacements of members of both groups. The Taliban have denied these accusations.

The Taliban takeover has also sent a new wave of refugees into Iran, adding to the more than 2 million Afghans who fled to Iran during previous times of upheaval. Their arrival has stretched Iran's resources at a time when the country's economy has been battered by the coronavirus pandemic and international financial sanctions.

But any Iranian response to the new situation in Afghanistan has potential costs.

Recognizing the Taliban could set off a backlash at home among Iranians who see the Taliban as a terrorist group and tarnish Iran's branding of itself as a protector of Shiites in the Muslim world.

Rejecting the Taliban, on the other hand, could undo the gains of Iran's careful courtship of the group over the years, and quickly turn a tenuous relationship hostile. Iranian officials fear getting dragged into a protracted conflict it neither wants nor could afford.

For now, Iranian officials say they are taking a middle-of-the-road approach.

Officials have acknowledged the Taliban are a reality but stopped short of recognizing them as Afghanistan's legitimate government. They have also expressed concern about the safety of resistance leaders such as Ahmad Massoud. who leads an anti-Taliban militia with historical ties to Iran in the Panjshir Valley in Afghanistan, although they have not publicly endorsed his cause, and diplomats and analysts said they had seen no sign that Iran was supporting it financially or militarily.

"We are in contact with all sides and advise them all to implement the idea of an inclusive government," Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdullahian said in an interview. "Afghanistan is facing many different challenges. The existence of ISIS in Afghanistan that has the experience of guerrilla warfare in Syria is a real threat."

Iran sent fighters and

commanders to Syria in 2011 and Iraq in 2014 to fight the Islamic State, but even if Iran offered, the Taliban are unlikely to welcome Iranian forces the way Iraq did.

Iran has had at least two diplomatic meetings with the Taliban since the group seized power, including a meeting with the Taliban foreign minister last weekend.

Iran has laid out three main demands it wants the Taliban to meet, according to Iranian diplomats, officials and experts. They include securing Iran's borders from terrorist infiltration, preventing the Islamic State from gaining ground in Afghanistan, and protecting the rights and security of Shiite minorities.

In addition, Iran has asked the Taliban to help curb drug lords from using Iran as a corridor to transport Afghan opium to Europe, to keep open commerce and currency exchange with Iran, and to refrain from creating social and economic conditions that would send more Afghans across Iran's borders, Kamal Kharazi, the former foreign minister and current head of Iran's powerful Strategic Council on Foreign Relations, told Iranian news media last week.

"Our strategy in Afghanistan completely depends on the Taliban's behavior," Kharazi said. "The Islamic Republic of Iran does not want to meddle in Afghanistan's affairs but naturally we have legitimate interests that must be guaranteed."

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Iran and Afghanistan share deep cultural and historical ties that date back centuries. One of Afghanistan's two official languages, Dari, is a dialect of Persian, and the two countries share many traditions, including celebrating the Nowruz new year holiday in the spring.

Iran's border with Afghanistan stretches 572 miles with two crossings vital to trade and commerce. Iran's exports to Afghanistan total an estimated \$7 billion annually, and the country has relied on Afghanistan's currency market to acquire hard currency in circumvention of international banking sanctions.

Public opinion in Iran is decidedly against the Taliban and critical of the government's outreach to the group.

Many liberal Iranians identify with the suffering of Afghans under a theocracy, similar to their own lives under the rule of Islamic Republic.

The Taliban's attacks on the rights of women and girls, from requiring headscarves to a ban on singing and sports, and its crackdowns on independent journalists and activists, remind many Iranians of their own struggles with the authorities in Iran.

But conservatives and members of Iran's Revolutionary Guard have also attacked the government for not supporting the Afghan resistance.



summit in Glasgow, Scotland. The climate conference starts Sunday. JEFF J. MITCHELL/GETTY

UN, US officials press urgent action to avert climate threat

By Frank Jordans Associated Press

BERLIN — The U.N.'s top human rights official and President Joe Biden's climate envoy called Thursday for countries to step up the fight against global warming, describing it as an issue of sheer survival for humankind.

In a statement ahead of the U.N. climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland, the global body's High Commissioner for Human Rights said "only urgent, priority action can mitigate or avert disasters that will have huge — and in some cases lethal — impacts on all of us, especially our children and grandchildren."

Michelle Bachelet urged governments taking part in the climate meeting to make good on pledges of financial aid to help poor countries that are most at risk to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and cope with the impacts of global warming.

The summit starts Sunday and ends Nov. 13.

"This is a human rights obligation and a matter of survival," she said. "Without a healthy planet to live on, there will be no human

rights — and if we continue on our current path — there may be no humans."

Her words were echoed by U.S. climate envoy John Kerry, who warned of the dramatic impacts that exceeding the 2015 Paris accord's goal on global warming will have on nature and people.

"Devastating consequences follow if we exceed the 1.5 degrees (Celsius, 2.7 Fahrenheit)," he said in a speech Thursday at the London School of Economics. "And we are now already just about at 1.2 C.

"No one is exaggerating when they call this an existential threat. Just ask the people in the Marshall Islands, Fiji or in the vulnerable nations of the world," Kerry said.

Kerry cited recent commitments by the Biden administration for the United States to aim for "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions by mid-century, similar moves by other nations and business, and a growing awareness of the urgency of tackling climate change.

Citing a recent U.N. report highlighting the gap between countries' pledges and what scientists say is

needed to cap warming at 1.5 C by the end of the century, Kerry said particular responsibility lies with the top 20 economies of the world.

Many of those countries will be gathering for a G-20 meeting in Rome this weekend, where climate is expected to be a major topic.

Kerry said Glasgow "is not the end of the road" and countries must keep raising their targets over the coming years.

A report released Thursday by climate think tanks says changes in sectors from power generation to industry and agriculture need to speed up.

It looked at 40 indicators and "the bad news is right now that none of them are on track," said report co-author Kelly Levin, the chief of Science, Data and Systems Change at the Bezos Earth Fund

Separately, the Red Cross federation said climate and weather-related disasters have caused more than 30 million people to flee their homes in 2020 — three times more than the number of people displaced by war.

Facebook renames itself Meta to stress new 'metaverse' plan

By Barbara Ortutay Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said his company is rebranding itself as Meta in an effort to encompass its virtual-reality vision for the future — what Zuckerberg calls the "metaverse."

Skeptics point out that it also appears to be an attempt to change the subject from the Facebook Papers, a leaked document trove so dubbed by a consortium of news organizations. Many of these documents, first described by former Facebook employee-turned-whistleblower Frances Haugen, have revealed how Facebook ignored or downplayed internal warnings of the negative and often harmful consequences its algorithms wreaked across

the world.
Facebook the app, along with Instagram, WhatsApp and Messenger, are here to stay; none will be changing their names. The company's corporate structure also won't change. But on Dec. 1, its shares will start trading under a new ticker symbol, "MVRS."

"Facebook is the world's social media platform and they are being accused of creating something that is harmful to people and society," said marketing consultant Laura Ries. She compared the name Meta to when BP rebranded to "Beyond Petroleum" to escape criticism that it harmed the environment. "They can't walk away from the social network with a new corporate name and talk of a future metaverse." What is the metaverse?

Think of it as the internet brought to life, or at least rendered in 3D.

Zuckerberg has described it as a "virtual environment" you can go inside of — instead of just looking at on a screen. Essentially, it's a world of endless, intercon-



Facebook employees unveil a new logo Thursday at the social media company's headquarters in Menlo Park, Calif. The company is rebranding as Meta. **JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY**

nected virtual communities where people can meet, work and play, using virtual reality headsets, augmented reality glasses, smartphone apps or other devices.

It also will incorporate other aspects of online life such as shopping and social media, according to Victoria Petrock, an analyst who follows emerging technologies.

Other tech companies such as Microsoft, chip-maker Nvidia and Fortnite maker Epic Games have all been outlining their own visions of how the metaverse will work.

The announcement comes as Facebook faces heightened legislative and regulatory scrutiny in many parts of the world following revelations in the Facebook Papers.

Some of Facebook's biggest critics seemed unimpressed. The Real Facebook Oversight Board, a watchdog group focused on the company, announced that it will keep its own

"Changing their name doesn't change reality: Facebook is destroying our democracy and is the world's leading peddler of disinformation and hate," the group said in a statement. "Their meaningless name change should not

distract from the investigation, regulation and real, independent oversight needed to hold Facebook accountable."

In explaining the rebrand, Zuckerberg said the name "Facebook" just doesn't encompass everything the company does any more. In addition to its primary social network, the company now includes Instagram, Messenger, its Quest VR headset, its Horizon VR platform and more.

"Today we are seen as a social media company," Zuckerberg said. "But in our DNA we are a company that builds technology to connect people."

A corporate rebranding won't solve the myriad problems at Facebook. It probably won't even get people to stop calling the social media giant Facebook—or a "social media giant," for that matter.

But that isn't stopping Zuckerberg, seemingly eager to move on to his next big thing as crisis after crisis emerges at the company he created.

While largely dismissing revelations from the Facebook Papers as unfair criticism, Zuckerberg has focused on building a virtual environment you can go inside of instead of just looking at on a screen.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Sudan military leader fires 6 ambassadors who criticized coup

From news services

CAIRO - Sudan's strongman fired at least six ambassadors, including the envoys to the U.S., the European Union and France, after they condemned the military's takeover of the country, a military official said Thursday.

The diplomats pledged their support for the now-deposed government of Prime Minister Abddalla Hamdok.

Also fired by Gen Abdel-Fattah Burhan late Wednesday were the Sudanese ambassadors to Qatar, China and the U.N. mission in Geneva, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief media.

The state-run Sudan TV also reported the dismissals.

The ambassadors were fired two days after Burhan dissolved the transitional government and detained the prime minister, many government officials and political leaders in a coup condemned by the U.S. and the West.

The coup drew calls from the international community to restore the civilian-led transitional government and release those detained after the military takeover.

The United Nations Security Council on Thursday expressed "solidarity" with the Sudanese people and affirmed its readiness "to support efforts to realize Sudan's democratic transition" and the people's aspirations "for an inclusive, peaceful, stable, democratic and prosperous future."

President Joe Biden added that Sudan's people must be allowed to protest peacefully.

We believe strongly in Sudan's economic potential and the promise of its future — if the military and those

who oppose change do not hold it back," Biden said in a statement.

In another development, Burhan fired Adlan Ibrahim, head of the country's Civil Aviation Authority, according to the official. Adlan's dismissal came after the resumption of flights in and out of Khartoum's international airport resumed Wednesday.

It was not immediately clear if Ibrahim's dismissal was linked to the reopening of the airport or whether the decision was made before

Syringe shortage looms: African health officials and the United Nations are warning of a looming shortage of more than 2 billion syringes for mainly lowand middle-income countries around the world as the supply of COVID-19 doses rises, and routine vaccinations could be affected, too.

The U.N. children's agency said the shortfall would affect up to 2.2 billion auto-disposable syringes that lock automatically to prevent them from being used again. "We are not anticipating a significant supply shortage of the more standard syringes used in high-income countries," the agency said in a statement. It blamed "significantly higher demand," supply chain disruptions, national bans on syringe exports and an unpredictable supply of

The threatened shortage comes as the flow of COVID-19 vaccine doses increases after months of delays to the African continent, the world's least protected region with less than 6% of its population of 1.3 billion people fully vaccinated.

Taiwan defense: Taiwan's defense minister said Thursday that the island



Making a splash: A giant inflatable rubber duck designed by Dutch artist Florentijn Hofman floats Thursday in a lake at the Parque de la Familia in Santiago, Chile. The world-famous sculpture of the iconic bath toy is a part of the annual "Hecho en Casa," or Made at Home festival, that celebrates urban art. ESTEBAN FELIX/AP

must defend itself and not depend entirely on others for help if China were to launch an attack, even as Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen said she had faith the U.S. would defend it.

"The country must rely on itself, and if any friends or other groups can help us, then it's like I said before, we're happy to have it, but we cannot completely depend on it," the minister, Chiu Kuo-cheng, told reporters.

Tensions between Taiwan and China have risen to their highest level in decades, with China sending record-breaking numbers of fighter jets toward international airspace close to the island, and stepping up a campaign of military harassment.

N. Korean leader's weight loss: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has recently lost about 44 pounds, but remains healthy and is trying to boost public lovalty to him in the face of worsening economic problems, South Korea's spy agency told

lawmakers Thursday.

The National Intelligence Service gave the assessment during a closed-door parliamentary briefing, saying it used artificial intelligence techniques, an analysis of super-resolution video of Kim and other methods to investigate Kim's condition, said two lawmakers who attended the session.

Kim's health has been a focus of keen outside attention in recent months because he has appeared noticeably thinner in state media photos and videos. Longtime North Korea observers have said Kim has no apparent health problems and his weight loss is likely the result of his efforts to improve his physique.

Assange prison conditions: U.S. government promises

that WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange would not face harsh prison conditions if he is extradited to face American justice are not enough to address concerns about his fragile mental health and high risk

of suicide, a lawyer defending him argued Thursday.

Assange's lawyer, Edward Fitzgerald, said during a two-day hearing at Britain's High Court that the Australian was too mentally ill to be extradited to the United States to face trial on espionage charges.

Washington is seeking to overturn an earlier ruling by a lower British court that refused a U.S. request to extradite Assange over WikiLeaks' publication of secret American military documents a decade ago. District Judge Vanessa Baraitser ruled that Assange was likely to kill himself if held under harsh U.S. prison conditions.

On Wednesday, a lawyer for the U.S. government said that American authorities have promised that Assange would not be held before trial in a top-security "Supermax" prison, or subjected to strict isolation conditions. But Fitzgerald argued that the U.S. assurances were all "caveated, vague, or simply ineffective."

Lucy spacecraft: NASA is debating whether to try to fix a jammed solar panel on its newly launched Lucy spacecraft, en route to explore an unprecedented number of asteroids.

The problem cropped up shortly after the spacecraft's Oct. 16 liftoff on a 12-year journey. After measuring the electric current this week, NASA reported Wednesday that one of Lucy's two giant, circular solar panels is only 75% to 95% extended. A lanyard is holding it in place.

Any attempt at reopening the wing – which is 24 feet in diameter - would not occur before mid-November.

The problem has not affected Lucy's outbound flight, so there's no rush to figure out the next step, officials said.

The mission's lead scientist, Hal Levison of Southwest Research Institute, said the team is encouraged that the combined power from both solar panels "is keeping the spacecraft healthy and functioning."





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Oil execs deny spreading doubt on climate change

Dems, GOP lawmakers bicker over issue, testimony at landmark House hearing

By Matthew Daly Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Top executives of ExxonMobil and other oil giants denied spreading disinformation about climate change as they sparred Thursday with congressional Democrats over allegations

that the industry concealed evidence about the dangers of global warming. Testifying at a landmark House hearing, ExxonMobil CEO Darren Woods said the company "has long acknowledged the reality and risks of climate change, and it has devoted significant resources to addressing

those risks. The oil giant's public statements on climate "are and have always been truthful. fact-based ... and consistent" with main-

stream climate science, Woods said. Democrats challenged the statements by Woods and other oil executives, accusing them of engaging in a decadeslong, industrywide campaign to spread disinformation about the contribution of fossil fuels to global warming.

"They are obviously lying like the tobacco executives were," said Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., chairwoman of the House Oversight Committee.

She was referring to a 1994 hearing with tobacco executives who famously testified that they didn't believe nicotine was addictive. The reference was one of several to the tobacco hearing as Democrats sought to pin down oil executives on whether they believe in climate change and that burning fossil fuels such as oil contributes to global

Republicans accused Democrats of grandstanding over an issue popular with their base as President Joe Biden's climate agenda teeters in Congress.

Kentucky Rep. James Comer, the top Republican on the oversight panel, called the hearing a "distraction from the crises that the Biden administration's policies have caused," including gasoline prices that have risen by \$1 per gallon since January.

The purpose of this hearing is clear: to deliver partisan theater for prime-time news," Comer said.

The hearing comes after months of public efforts by Democrats to obtain documents and other information on the oil industry's role in stopping climate action over multiple decades. The fossil fuel industry has had scientific evidence about the dangers of climate change since at least 1977, yet spread denial and doubt about the harm its products cause—undermining science and preventing meaningful action on climate change, Maloney and other Democrats said.

"Do you agree that (climate change) is an existential threat? Yes or no?" Maloney asked Shell Oil President Gretchen

"I agree that this is a defining challenge for our generation, absolutely," Watkins

Watkins, Woods and other oil executives said they agreed with Maloney on the existence and threat posed by climate change, but they refused her request to pledge that their companies would not spend money either directly or indirectly — to oppose efforts to reduce planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions.

GDP data hint of drag on recovery through '21

By Ben Casselman The New York Times

U.S. economic growth slowed sharply over the summer as supply chain bottlenecks and the resurgent pandemic restrained activity at stores, factories and restaurants.

Gross domestic product, adjusted for inflation, grew 0.5% in the third quarter, the Commerce Department said Thursday. That was down from 1.6% in the second quarter, dashing earlier hopes that the recovery would accelerate as the year went on.

On an annualized basis, GDP rose 2% in the third quarter, down from 6.7% in the second quarter.

The slowdown was partly a result of the spread of the delta variant of the coronavirus, which led many Americans to pull back on travel, restaurant meals and other in-person activities. More recent data suggests that people have returned to those activities as virus cases have fallen, and most economists expect faster growth in the final three months of the year.

But another major restriction on growth may be slower to recede.

The pandemic has snarled supply chains around the world, even as demand for many products has surged. The resulting backups have made it hard for U.S. stores and factories to get the products and parts they need. Many businesses are also struggling to find enough workers to make, sell and deliver products — another supply shortage that is holding back growth longer than economists expected.

"The economy doesn't have a demand problem," said Ben Herzon, executive director of IHS Markit, a forecasting firm. "It has a supply problem.'

Still, the economy is in much better shape than forecasters expected for most of last

Merck: Billions in

antiviral pill sales

Merck fell out of the race to develop COVID-19 vaccines earlier this year but could vault to head of the pack for treat-

The drugmaker's potential antiviral, molnupiravir, may generate \$5 billion to \$7

The company has asked for authoriza-

billion in sales through next year, company

tion in the U.S. and Europe for what would be the first pill to treat COVID-19. All other treatments backed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration require an IV or injection. The FDA has said a panel of outside

experts will meet late next month to

consider the treatment for use in adults with

mild to moderate COVID-19 who are at risk

for severe disease or hospitalization.

executives told analysts Thursday.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

ments in 2022.



With the holiday season bearing down, Ginger Pigg said she is struggling to get products to her gift shop in Cumming, Georgia. BEN GRAY/AP

Don't wait this holiday season

Shoppers may find little to choose from as global supply chain issues stress retailers

By Mae Anderson Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Perfect Pigg, a gift shop owned by Ginger Pigg, is the go-to place for residents of Cumming, Georgia, to pick up gift items.

But this year, store shelves might be a little sparse. Because of bottlenecks in the global supply chain, many stores like Pigg's are scrambling to try to get all the inventory they can ahead of the crucial holiday shop-

"I'm a little stressed," said Pigg, who has about 60% of the Christmas inventory she usually has at this time. Some stock she ordered in July hasn't arrived yet. "I feel like I've done everything I could do," she said. "I'm hoping and praying it all comes

The global supply chain has been buffeted by a multitude of problems, from factories having to close due to COVID-19 surges, a lack of shipping containers, backups at ports and warehouses, and a shortage of truckers.

While bigger retailers like Walmart and Target have the power to buy their own containers, use air freight and take other steps to make sure they get inventory, smaller retailers are at the mercy of their vendors, who are increasingly suspending delivery guarantees and sometimes not communicating at all.

Last year, Renee Silverman, owner of Irv's Luggage in Vernon, Illinois, didn't buy luggage ahead of the holidays — no one was traveling. This year, people are traveling, but is finding luggage to sell is a problem.

Inventory that was supposed to come in August and September has been pushed back to December. Silverman has tried spreading orders between five or six

Meanwhile, prices are rising due to a surge in shipping costs. At this time last year, ocean freight rates from China to the U.S. West Coast were \$3,847 per 40-foot container. Now, the same container will cost \$17,377 to ship, according to Freightos, a Hong Kong-based online freight market-

place. That's a 352% increase. The average time it takes for ocean freight to go door-to-door has increased 45% over the last year, from 51 days to 74 days, according to Freightos. Ports in Los Angeles and Long Beach, California, account for 40% of all shipping containers entering the United States.

Rob Pickering, owner of five Snapdoodle Toys & Games stores in the Seattle area, said ordering for the holidays has "been a real

Big holiday orders usually placed in August were moved up to July. So, the company's warehouse and stockrooms are fuller than normal for this time of year.

Still, some items that Pickering ordered early haven't arrived. Some smaller toy makers have already stopped taking and filling any more holiday orders.

"We are telling our customers to buy it when you see it, he said.

Christine Noh, CEO of Nohbles, a small chain of shoe and apparel stores in New York and New Jersey, is terrified about this holiday season. Her inventory is down 58% and half the shelves in her warehouse are empty. Big brands like Nike and Adidas were heavily affected when factories in Vietnam closed.

Noh started a private label line to help make sure to have enough stock in stores. The clothing is made in Bangladesh, where she has a relationship with the factory.

"When we're placing an order with them, we have more communication and visibility," she said.

EU sees a drop in natural gas prices

MOSCOW - European natural gas prices dropped Thursday after Russian President Vladimir Putin instructed the country's major natural gas company to pump more gas into EU storages.

Europe's natural gas prices have soared in recent weeks amid strong demand in Asia driven by the economic recovery from the pandemic and due to depleted European Union stocks from a cold winter.

During a call with officials late Wednesday, Putin told Alexei Miller, head of state-controlled gas giant Gazprom, to start pumping gas into the company's storage facilities in Austria and Germany after it fills domestic depots by Nov. 8.

The 27-country EU depends on Russia for more than 40% of its natural gas imports.

Jobless claims dip to pandemic low of 281K

By Paul Wiseman Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits fell to a pandemic low last week as the job market continues to recover from last year's coronavirus recession.

Jobless claims dropped by 10,000 to 281,000, lowest since mid-March 2020, the Labor Department said Thursday.

Since topping 900,000 in early January, weekly applications have steadily dropped, moving ever closer to pre-pandemic levels just above 200,000.

The four-week average of claims, which smooths out week-to-week gyrations, fell by nearly 21,000 to 299,250, also a pandemic

In all, 2.2 million people were collecting unemployment checks the week of Oct. 16, down from 7.7 million a year earlier.

The pandemic slammed the economy in the spring of 2020.

In March and April last year, employers slashed more than 22 million jobs as businesses closed or reduced hours in response to lockdowns and consumers staying home as a health precaution against the pandemic.

The economy recovered with unexpected speed, helped by the rollout of vaccines and generous government relief

checks and other spending. By last month, the economy had reclaimed more than 17 million of the lost jobs. But that was still 5 million short of where the labor market stood in February

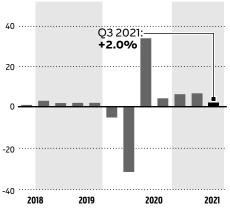
And hiring slowed sharply last month to just 194,000 new jobs after averaging a 607,000 a month the first eight months of

That is partly because companies can't find enough people to fill their job openings - 10.4 million in August, second-highest in records going back to 2000.

Jobless claims "continue to trend lower, gradually moving closer to levels prevailing prior to the recession," Rubeela Farooqi, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics, wrote in a research report. "Businesses are holding on to workers amid reports of severe labor shortages."

GDP

Percent change from previous quarter, seasonally adjusted, second estimate:



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SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

BUSINESS



Stanley Black & Decker on Thursday posted an 11 percent increase in third-quarter sales but warned that its profit will be lower this year due to inflationary pressures and higher supply chain costs. FILE PHOTO

Stanley Black & Decker cuts profit outlook for the year

Inflation, supply chain costs close in on tool manufacturer

By Stephen Singer Hartford Courant

Stanley Black & Decker on Thursday posted an 11% increase in sales in the July-to-September quarter, but warned that its profit will be lower this year due to inflationary pressures and higher supply chain

Chief Executive Officer James Loree said the New Britain tool and equipment storage manufacturer is working to meet demand in a "universally difficult supply chain environment" and is addressing inflationary trends with new pricing and productivity measures.

Stanley Black & Decker now expects profit for the year to be between \$10.90 per share and \$11.10, down from previously estimated per-share earnings of \$11.35 to \$11.65. It's sharply lower than analysts' estimate of \$11.54, according to Zacks Investment Research.

Part of the reduced profit is due to higher labor, transportation and commodity prices. Also, a strengthening dollar that makes U.S. exports more expensive and less competitive overseas is having an impact and a lower tax rate and actions to raise prices are partial offsets, the company

Costs increased dramatically in the quarter for container and transportation, with average container spot prices nearly seven times what the company paid earlier this year, said Lee McChesney, chief financial officer in the tools and storage business.

Since July, commodity components such as steel resins and purchase components jumped in price, adding \$100 million in costs, he said. Average transit time from Asian suppliers to North American manufacturing plants and distribution centers have more than doubled

to 85 days from about 40, adding \$130 million in costs, McChesney said.

The company posted sales of \$4.26 billion in the third quarter, in line with analysts' estimates, according to Zacks Investment Research. Net earnings of \$414.2 million, or \$2.56 per share, beat Wall Street esti-

Shares closed at \$185.08, down a fraction of 1%.

Supply chain problems that were initially caused by the pandemic that forced businesses to shut have rippled through the U.S. economy. The U.S. Commerce Department reported Thursday that the economy grew by 2% in the third quarter, its slowest gain during the recovery from COVID-19, as supply chain issues and reduced consumer spending stunted the expansion.

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Coal mine project tests UK ahead of key climate summit

and Jill Lawless Associated Press

WHITEHAVEN, England — In the patchwork of hills, lakes and sea that make up England's northwest corner, most people see beauty. Dave Cradduck sees broken dreams.

The coal mine where the 74-year-old once worked has long closed. The chemical factory that employed thousands is gone. The nuclear power plant is being decommissioned.

To Cradduck, a plan for a new coal mine that could bring hundreds of jobs is a sign that "at least someone's interested in the area."

But environmentalists view the proposed mine with horror. They say it sends a disastrous message as the United Kingdom welcomes world leaders, advocates, diplomats and scientists to Glasgow, Scotland, for a United Nations Climate Change Conference that starts Sunday.

Many scientists and activists consider the two-week COP26 conference a last chance to nail down carbon-cutting promises that could keep global warming within manageable limits.

"The U.K. sets itself out as a leader, but it's building a coal mine, which is the most polluting thing that you can do," Rebecca Willis, a professor of energy and climate governance at Lancaster University, said. "It sends a signal to the rest of the world that the U.K. isn't actually serious."

The proposed deep mine symbolizes a dilemma facing the British government: It aims to generate all of the U.K.'s electricity from clean energy sources by 2035 and to reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

But Conservative Prime Minister Boris Johnson has also pledged to boost



Dave Cradduck said a proposed coal mine near Whitehaven, England, would help benefit the region. JON SUPER/AP

prosperity in England's neglected north with new factories, roads, railways and other infrastructure that environmentalists say is at odds with the government's green agenda.

West Cumbria Mining, the company hoping to build Britain's first deep coal mine in three decades, wants to extract coking coal a type used to make steel rather than for fuel - from under the Irish Sea.

It plans to process the coal on the site of a shuttered chemical plant in Whitehaven, 340 miles northwest of London.

West Cumbria Mining says it will be the world's first net-zero coal mine, with all of its carbon emissions reduced or offset by credits to the Gold Standard Foundation, an environmental organization.

Plans show curved modern buildings that blend in with the surrounding hills.

Alexander Greaves, a lawyer for the mining company, said while opening a new coal mine might look bad at first glance, the Cumbria County project aims to be different be design.

"Showing these mines can be made by law to capture greenhouse gas emissions and required to offset any residual impact is true environmental leadership," he said.

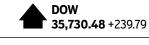
Environmentalists scoff at that idea.

"It's blindingly obvious that the quickest way to stop these carbon emissions and to make radical changes — which we have to do in the next 10 years is to stop opening any new coal mines," said Maggie Mason, a local opponent of the mine. "The same is true for oil wells and gas wells."

In the North Atlantic, west of the Shetland islands, Shell and Siccar Point Energy plan to extract 170 million barrels of oil from the Cambo oilfield. Environmental groups are trying to force the British government to stop the drilling. Johnson's administration is reluctant to intervene. saying "sources like Cambo are still required" to meet Britain's energy needs as it shifts to a low-carbon econ-

"We need to transition our existing oil and gas sector to a decarbonized platform," Business Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng said last month in the House of Commons, accusing Cambo opponents of wanting "a complete eclipse" of the oil and gas industries "with 250,000 jobs vanish-

MARKET RUNDOWN







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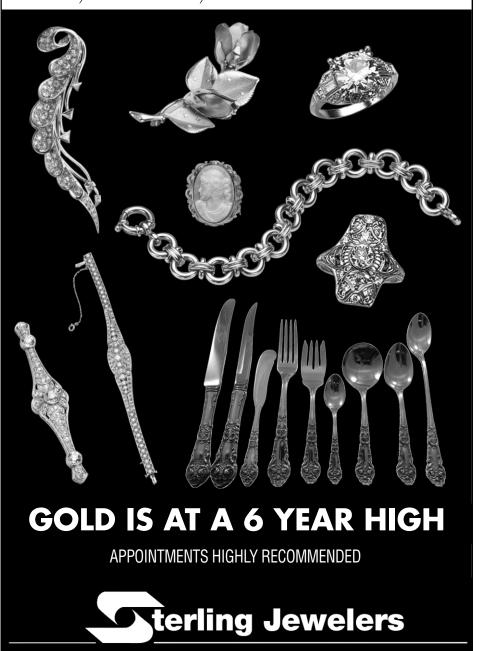
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American Airlines Gp (AAL)	19.19	+.16	+21.7	Magellan Health Inc (MGLN)		+.03	+14.4
Amphenol Corp (APH)	76.63	+.86		Marpai Inc A (MRAI)	5.70	+.95	+20.0
Apple Inc (AAPL)	152.57	+3.72	+15.0	Merck & Co (MRK)	86.55	+5.01	+5.8
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Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	73.78	+.97	+50.6	UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	455.44	+1.96	+29.9
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DeSantis elevates vaccine antics to theater of absurd

By Timothy L. O'Brien

Bloomberg Opinion

Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida has been competing with his counterpart in Texas, Greg Abbott, to see who can be more adept at replacing sound public policymaking with political theatrics in the COVID-19

DeSantis just pulled ahead.

On Sunday, he told Fox News he wanted police officers disgruntled about local vaccine mandates around the country to know they were welcome in Florida. "Nobody should lose their jobs based off of these injections," he noted. He said he planned to introduce legislation in Florida that would offer new jobs and \$5,000 bonuses to officers who relocate from out of state. "NYPD, Minneapolis, Seattle, if you're not being treated well, we'll treat you better here," he said.

At a news conference Monday, he dissembled when asked about those comments. "This has nothing to do with their vaccination status, so that's just wrong," he allowed, before slagging "corporate media" for lying about what he

To be clear, the governor said, his job

offers are "for officers period – this has nothing to do with their vaccination status." Fine, but anyone watching DeSantis on Fox News would have believed his offer had everything to do with police officers' vaccination status.

Regardless, DeSantis said he sees an opening.

"We're looking to capitalize off a lot of communities across our country who've turned their back on law enforcement, who aren't providing them the support," he said. "I don't think police officers should be fired over shots."

Imagine that.

DeSantis continues to be so hungry for a national profile that he's willing to offer cross-border critiques of other leaders who are trying their best to safeguard the public amid an uncertain and epic pandemic - and he wants to "capitalize" on that.

DeSantis has been highlighting his rivalries with other states and cities for months, presumably to prepare the ground for a presidential bid in 2024.

While I relish the idea of watching how Florida might handle tens of thousands of police officers suddenly descending on the state en masse, demanding jobs and bonuses — and adding expenses to state

and local budgets — I know it won't come to that.

It's enough to use this episode to parse the philosophy DeSantis deploys to justify his shenanigans.

He clarified his thinking in a Twitter post Monday, saying he opposed mandates for three reasons:

1. Your livelihood should not be dependent upon whether you get a COVID-19 shot. This is a personal decision.

2. The Biden Vaccine Mandate is unconstitutional, and we have a responsibility to fight back as a state.

3. Vaccine mandates are bad for the economy.

Here's my alternative version of those

In the propagandistic upside-down world DeSantis inhabits, offering police irked by mandates \$5,000 to relocate is good policy, but paying Florida residents \$100 incentives to get vaccinated is bad policy. Arguing that mandates are bad for the economy is good policy, but allowing cruise ships to issue mandates that are good for their business and their passengers' health is bad policy.

DeSantis is also not even serving law enforcement well. COVID-19 was the leading cause of line-of-duty death for cops in 2020. Public officials concerned about the well-being of police should be doing everything in their power to ensure they get vaccinated.

A dose of tough love toward police would also help when assessing their protests. In cities such as Chicago, police are outliers when it comes to accepting mandates. Most city workers in Chicago have complied with local mandates, raising questions about what makes the police such a resistant cohort.

DeSantis is comfortable having elastic definitions of reality and holding self-contradictory positions because rationality isn't his goal. Bemoaning the heavy hand of government and aligning himself with law enforcement is what he's after because it plays well to the electoral base he is court-

DeSantis has already tolerated an unnecessary surge in COVID-19 illnesses and deaths in Florida in the service of his ambitions, so there's no stopping him now. But his appetites and ruthlessness shouldn't be

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You can still pick who runs city hall



Gail Collins

Guess I'm going for the vegan. Next week we'll be voting in local elections all around the country. In New York, the big contest is for mayor, and it pits Democrat Eric Adams against Republican Curtis Sliwa.

Challenged to say something nice about Adams during the final mayoral debate Tuesday night, Sliwa praised the Democrat's vegan diet, adopted during a struggle against diabetes. Adams commended Sliwa on his kindness to animals.

Sliwa and his wife are into sheltering abandoned cats, and they have 16 in their 320-square-foot studio apartment. I've got to admit this is the election factoid that has me most fascinated. The idea of vegan meals being served at Gracie Mansion is sort of interesting; bet we'd get more discussions of the menus than we ever got during Bill de Blasio's long tenure. But how many cats could you fit in there? Dozens? Hundreds?

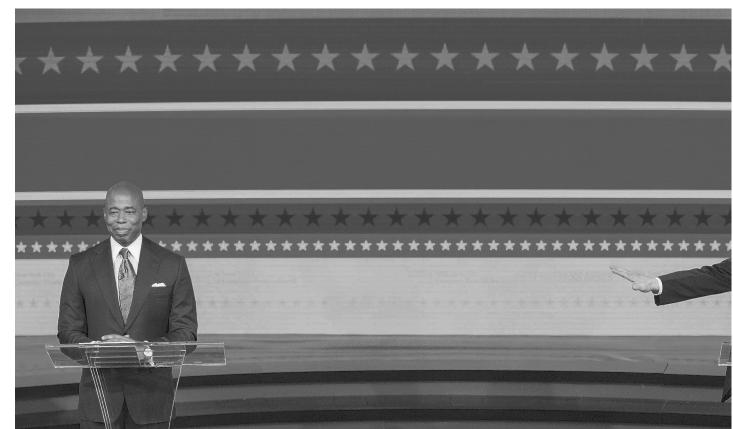
OK, people — your turn. If you've got a mayoral election coming up in your town, tell me one interesting thing about a major candidate.

Hey, there's got to be something. If you're still mulling, maybe you're failing to focus. Keep thinking. We've still got ... days.

Do I see a hand over there in Connecticut? Yes, Stamford? You've got the former manager of the New York Mets running? And he called the Democratic candidate "a 35-year-old girl"? Wow, is he promising to make Stamford a municipal version of the

Like residents of many cities, New Yorkers frequently feel as if their November vote is a tad anti-climactic. The real drama came in the Democratic primary; as the winner, Adams now enjoys a certain advantage that comes with being standard-bearer for a party with 3.7 million voters, compared with the Republicans'

But we political junkies are hanging on until the bitter end. Still lots to gnaw over. Does everybody know that Sliwa's been married four times and has two children from a long-running entanglement with the Queens district attorney? Meanwhile, where does Adams, a former police officer running on his promise to reform the city's law enforcement culture, actually live?



New York City mayoral candidates Eric Adams, left, and Curtis Sliwa face off Tuesday before next week's election. EDUARDO MUNOZ/AP

Brooklyn? New Jersey? His office? If we're confused, Adams says it may be the fault of his having employed a homeless man to fill out his tax forms.

OK, your turn to complain about your options. Yes, Minneapolis, I see your hand. You're right: People who live in cities where the choice is basically between two names on the ballot should not be whining near folks who are going to have to pick from — my gosh, did you say 17?

Indeed. Minneapolis has 17 candidates for mayor. The poor voters are supposed to go through the whole pile and pick a favorite, a runner-up and a third selection. This is called ranked-choice voting, and it's gotten very popular around the country. As the votes are counted, the biggest losers are tossed off, and the people who picked them get their next choice put in the mix. The system has many advantages, but it does add one more responsibility to your good-citizen agenda. I remember being stuck at my Manhattan polling place, trying to imagine who my third-favorite candidate for comptroller might be ..

The Minneapolis election is theoretically nonpartisan, but the candidates are allowed to give themselves a tag. Seven

say they're Democratic Farmer-Labor. which is going to give the voters quite a bit to scramble through, when they aren't being distracted by the difference between the Independent, Independence Alliance and For the People parties. Or the self-declared nicknames, like Nate "Honey Badger" Atkins and Kevin "No Body" Ward. Another candidate calls himself Bob "Again" Carney Jr., and that's a great reminder of how many times you've gone to vote, looked at the ballot and moaned, "Not again ... "

So, bottom line: Big election doings coming Tuesday - for your town, for your city and for all those candidates. Winning a job like mayor is certainly an opportunity to serve the community. And maybe it's a political steppingstone to — what?

A. Being elected president.

B. Being elected mayor again.

C. Being indicted.

Well, only three American mayors have ever gone on to the White House, and the last of those was Calvin Coolidge. As far as lengthy tenure goes, lots of towns now have term limits, but for those that don't, the sky's the limit. (By the way, feel free to congratulate Robert Blais of Lake George,

New York, on his 50th anniversary as village mayor. Blais, 85, recently told a local paper that he was leaning heavily toward retirement a couple of years down the line.) On the indictment front, I noticed that a

leading candidate for mayor in the upcoming Cincinnati election had his campaign sidetracked when he was charged with accepting bribes last November. Certainly sounds like time for a change,

but observers are noting that the Cincinnati electorate seems a little, um, detached. 'Does anyone care, including the candidates themselves?" demanded a local

Well, you can understand why the voters might be a tad depressed, given that a third of the City Council has been arrested on charges like bribery and extortion. But really, citizens, this is exactly the time you have to put on your boots and march over to the polling places, demonstrating that you're paying attention and want to turn things around.

Really, it'll perk up your day. Even if it's

Collins is a columnist for The New York

Glass ceiling in politics has been stubbornly resistant



Carl P. Leubsdorf

Next week, New Jersey and Virginia will elect men as governors. And next year, so too will most states.

But Kathy Hochul and others hope to break one of the most resistant glass ceilings in American politics, the inability of women to win governorships of the nation's most populous states.

Forty-five women have either been elected or succeeded to the office — of the hundreds of governors in U.S. history. Nine are currently serving. But the 10 largest states have had but seven, only five of whom were elected: Texans Miriam (Ma) Ferguson and Ann Richards, Beverly Perdue of North Carolina, and current Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Jennifer Granholm of Michigan.

By contrast, according to the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University's Eagleton Institute, 143 women have served in Congress including 58 in the Senate, representing all of the 10 largest states but Ohio and Pennsylvania.

At the heart of this inequality is the difficulty women candidates face in raising A 2020 report by the institute found a

connection between the fact that women are outnumbered by men both as contributors and as candidates in governors' races. "While money is not the only factor in

elections, the candidate with the most money raised was more successful in both primaries and general elections than other candidates," the report said. The difficulties encountered by women

candidates are underscored by their difficulty in winning major executive positions, including the presidency. Before former California Sen. Kamala

Harris became the first woman to win the vice presidency in 2020, three women were unsuccessful major party nominees - Geraldine Ferraro and Sarah Palin for vice president, and Hillary Rodham Clinton for president.

That barrier could be tested again in 2024. With many analysts doubtful that President Joe Biden will seek a second

term, Harris looms as the early Democratic front-runner. But her party's field could well include other women, including unsuccessful 2020 hopeful Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota.

On the Republican side, former President Donald Trump's ill-concealed desire to regain the presidency could short-circuit any open contest for the 2024 GOP nomination. But Wyoming Rep. Liz Cheney is showing signs of running as an anti-Trump candidate, and at least two other women are displaying interest if Trump doesn't run, former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem.

Next year, 36 states will elect governors, and in a majority of those states, women are seeking to become major party nominees, including eight expected to seek reelection. But it would take a real breakthrough for women to win a majority of the

Only two incumbents, Michigan's Whitmer and New York's Hochul, are from among the 10 largest states. Whitmer was elected in 2018, and Hochul ascended in August, after predecessor Andrew Cuomo resigned under pressure because of a

sexual harassment scandal.

Hochul said she would seek a full four-year term in 2022, but immediately attracted potential Democratic primary

Polls Attorney General Leticia James, would be Hochul's top primary opponent if she runs. James led the probe leading to Cuomo's resignation.

Female Democratic officeholders are already running in Florida and Ohio. In Florida, Nikki Fried, the elected state agriculture commissioner, and Annette Taddeo, a Miami state senator, are among three Democrats running to oppose Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis. In Ohio, Dayton Mayor Whaley hopes to challenge GOP Gov. Mike DeWine.

Hochul will be a strong reelection favorite in heavily Democratic New York if she survives a primary challenge. Whitmer starts as the early favorite for a second term in Michigan.

But other women would face uphill races. The glass ceiling for winning executive office remains strong.

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Applicant's Name and Address:

Supreme-Lake Manufacturing, Inc., P.O. Box 19, 455 Atwater Street, Plantsville, CT 06479

CGS §22a-174, RCSA section 22a-174-33, CFR Title 40 Part 70

Supreme-Lake Manufacturing, Inc., 455 Atwater Street, Plantsville, CT 06479

Mr. Kevin Dobrindt, (860) 621-8911, Kevin@supremelake.com

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Connecticut

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NOTICE TO David Wood, whose last known address is unknown to the court. Pursuant to an order of Hon. John J. McGrath, Jr., Judge, a hearing will be held at Northeast Regional Children's Probate Court, 979 Main Street, P.O. Box 34, Willimantic, CT 06226 on November 9, 2021 at 10:00 AM on a petition for Temporary Custody Pending Removal of Guardian concerning a certain minor child born on January 17, 2007. The court's decision will affect your interest, if any, as in the petition on file more fully appears. NOTICE TO David Wood, whose last known

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RFP submissions will be mailed or delivered in a sealed envelope labeled "CSI Wi-Fi & Infrastructure RFP" containing two hard copies and an electronic copy (.pdf version) to the Director of Contracts, 340 West Newberry Road, Suite B, Bloomfield, CT 06002, no later than 4:00 pm on Monday, November 22, 2021. CSI reserves the right to accept or reject any submittal and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the submittal. By responding to this RFP there is no expressed or implied obligation for CSI to reimburse responding vendors for any expenses incurred in preparing proposals in response to this request.

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On October 28, 2021, the Town of East Windsor auctioned a mobile home at 220 Fairway Drive owned by Gregory G. Gunnell or his Estate to satisfy delinquent taxes and charges. The property was sold to J.A. Balch of P.O. Box 0678, East Windsor CT 06088 for \$1,300.00. The redemption period expires on April 27, 2022. If redemption does not take place by the date stated and in the man ner provided by law, the delinquent taxpayer and all mortgagees, lienholders and other encumbrancers who have received actual or constructive notice of such sale as provided by law, are hereby notified that their respec tive titles, mortgages, liens, restraints on alienation and other encumbrances in such property shall be extinguished.

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OBITUARIES

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Linda Jean Andrews, 61, passed away quietly at home on October 20, 2021. Linda was born August 20, 1960, in Norwich, CT to Donald and Theresa (Lehner) Bryant. She was survived by her husband Robert Andrews her sister Diane Sharp, her brother Robert Bryant, her children Gregory Andrews and Crystal Klojzy, and five grandchildren Hannah, Victoria, Olivia, Alton, and Parker. Linda lived primarily in the towns of Eastern Connecticut, held many jobs, was a Girl Scout leader and volunteered with the American Legion. She enjoyed car trips, trips to local casinos, many pets and wild animals of all kinds. One of her favorite pastimes was weekend visits from her grandnephew Hunter Sharp. Her burial will be at 12:30 PM on Saturday, October 30, 2021 in the Andrews family plot in the West Stafford Cemetery, West Stafford, CT. She would be pleased if friends and relatives would make contributions to the Muscular Dystrophy Association or the animal protection charity of their choice. For online condolences please visit www.pietrasfuneralhome.com.

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Bianco, Angela (Marino)



Angela (Marino) Bianco, 85, of South Windsor, beloved wife of Vito N. Bianco died peacefully on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at Hartford Hospital. She was born on in Sicily, Italy on August 5, 1936, daughter to the late Michael Nannina (Mudano) Marino. Angela came to the U.S. with her family at the age of three settling in the south end or "Dutch Point" section of Hartford. She

was a graduate St. Augustin and Bulkeley High School. She married her high school sweetheart, Vito on May 25, 1957, and they began their life together in Hartford and moved to South Windsor in 1965 where they raised a family. Angela worked as a paralegal for Robinson & Cole in Hartford for over 27 years. In her younger years, she modeled wedding dresses for G. Fox & Co. in Hartford. She enjoyed shopping, bowling, reading and was an amazing cook. Angela's family was most important to her, and she cherished every moment she had tant to her, and she cherished every moment she had to spend with her children, grandchildren and great grandson. Along with her husband Vito of South Windsor she leaves her children, Deborah LaPenta and her husband Steven of Boynton Beach, FL, Kathy Keroack of Boynton Beach, FL, Anthony Bianco of New Hartford, CT and Robert Bianco of Belmont, NH; her sister, Sally Yacavone of South Windsor; her brother, Italo Marino, and his wife Susan of Manchester; her grandchildren, Robert Bianco Jr. of Belmont, NH, and Cynthia Bianco of Manchester, NH; Nicholas Keroack and his wife Melissa of Manchester, Christopher Keroack and Amanda Toupence of Tolland, her great grandson, Noah Keroack of Manchester, CT; son in law Louis Keroack, Jr. and many nieces, and nephews. A memorial service will be held on Monday, November 1, 2021, 2 p.m., at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd., South Windsor. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome. condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.

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Cassidy, John Francis



Dr. John Francis Cassidy Jr of Johns Creek, GA affection-ately known as "Jack-o" ately known as "Jack-o" passed away on October 25th, 2021 in Asheville, NC after a fall causing head trauma. He was 77 years old soon to be 78. The son of John Francis Cassidy Sr and Beverly Ann Blowers, born in Troy, NY on November 26, 1943. He graduated from Columbia High School, in East Greenbush, NY and earned a B.S., Masters and PHD in Electrical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY.

John is preceded in death by his parents, John Francis Cassidy Sr and Beverly Ann Blowers, and his brother, Terence James Cassidy.

He is survived by his wife, Paulina Concetta and kids, Rachel Marie Cassidy (Tracy Mack Brown) and Sean Michael Cassidy (Katherine Anne Cassidy); sister, Michele Ann Suriano; grandchildren; Nicolas Cassidy & Emily Cassidy, and Jackson, Cassidy and Caden Brown; and nieces and nephews; Terry Cassidy Jr and Monique Cassidy, Nicolina Suriano, Jason Suriano and Jennifer

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and the Emory Winship Cancer Institute both critical in John's battle against cancer and the Glennville-Cashiers Rescue Squad which was critical in his most recent struggle.

There will be an in-person (Alpharetta, GA) and virtual 'celebration of life' in the afternoon of November 6th. If interested in attending, please RSVP cassidyrach@

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Chagnon, William R.



William Robert Chagnon, of Norwalk, formerly of the Black Rock section of Bridgeport and Stratford (9/8/1954-10/25/2021)- Bill or "Chag" as he was known to family and friends, died after a 3 1/2 year struggle with metastatic bladder cancer, under the care of his devoted wife, Laurie Wallace Chagnon. Bill was the son of the late,

Robert (Bob) Chagnon and Josephine (Jo) Reilly Chagnon and pre-deceased by his brother, Mark Joseph Chagnon all of Stratford, CT. Bill attended St. James School, St. Joseph School and Stratford High School in Stratford, CT and received his Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education and later his Master's Degree in K-12 School Counseling from Southern Connecticut State College. Bill worked assisting his dad, a master carpenter, on various carpentry jobs throughout Stratford and Bridgeport before, during and after obtaining his Bachelor's degree while substitute teaching in Westport and Stratford. (Measure twice and cut once!) He began an 8 year career teaching Physical Education and History at St. Ann School in 1979, where he coached boys' basketball, baseball and gymnastics. He developed lifelong friendships in the place. ketball, baseball and gymnastics. He developed lifelong friendships in the Black Rock community and earned the love and respect of many of his former students and their families including but not limited to the Bolands, Borques, Murnins and Buskeys. He also taught at Kolbe Cathedral High School and Bullard-Havens Technical School, where he coached volleyball, boys' basketball, cross country and track before beginning his 29 year career as golf coach, Assistant Director, Associate Director, and finally Director of Admissions at Norwalk Community College. He served as President for AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) the state employees' union for 18 years. 18 years.

Bill loved the Celtics and the Cowboys though they broke his heart many times. He loved to golf, his bi-annual golf pilgrimages to Myrtle Beach and Naples with Bo, Kavey and Dominic and to hang out in the parking lot at Fairchild Wheeler with the Beer Valley Boys. (You know who you are.) He loved a good steak, candy, cheesecake, chocolate and an "occasional" Tangueray and tonic.

He loved to travel with his beloved wife, Laurie, and dear friends Terri and Lionel and enjoyed many family celebrations with the DeSilva, LaPierre and Galluzzo clans. Lest we forget, he was also a 4 time champion of the Boland Bocci Tournament and the revered Bracket Master of the Tournament for the last 23 years. He was known for his sardonic, razor sharp wit and his love of the Beatles, the Stones and Bob Seger. If he watched Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, The Shawshank Redemption and Jaws once, he watched them a hundred times and knew the dialogue like an aspiring understudy. He will miss margaritas at El Segundo, doing crosswords at Shady Beach and besting

the contestants at Jeopardy every night of the week. He is survived by his patient and loving wife, Laurie Wallace Chagnon of Norwalk, CT; his sister, Linda Chagnon, of Newington, CT; his niece, Karen Chagnon and her significant other, Sean Nye of Stratford, CT and his nephew, David Chagnon, his wife Loucita and grand nephews and grand niece, Ethan, Eli and Iyana Chagnon of Virginia Beach, VA. He will also be missed by his cousin, Charles "Chuck" Katuska and his wife, Teresa of Harwich, MA and their children and his dear friends, Terri and Lionel DeSilva; his godson, Konrad DeSilva; his "nieces" Anna Cottrell and Katie Nagle and his "nephew", Christian DeSilva and their respective spouses and significant others. He leaves behind many friends and colleagues from NCC, particularly, Curtis, Robin and Al; classmates and friends from Bridgeport, Stratford and Trumbull, (particularly Mike Florence, Kevin and Jeff Hickey, Bo and Helen Moran and their respective families), and many friends, former students and loved ones from all over the state. He was a mentor and dear friend of too many to count and will be missed by all for years to come.

Visitation hours will be at the Lesko and Polke Funeral Home, 1209 Post Road, in Fairfield Center, from 4-8 PM on Tuesday November 2nd, 2021. A funeral mass will be held at St. Ann Church at 11 am on November 3rd, 2021 immediately followed by a reception at the Penfield Pavillion in Fairfield, CT.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Norwalk Community College Foundation. Checks mailed: 188 Richards Ave, E311, Norwalk, CT 06854 or website donations: https://ncc-foundation.org/donate/. These gifts will be used to support NCC Nursing Students in his honor. For travel directions or to sign his online guest register, please visit www. LeskoPolkeFuneralHome.com

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Frechette, Lorraine B.



Lorraine B. Frechette, 94, of Find Partford passed away Friday, October 22, 2021 at Touch Points Rehabilitation Center in Bloomfield.

Family and friends may gather for a memorial service, Saturday, October 30th, 2:00 P.M. at Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Road, South Windsor, CT

Burial will be private.

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Gadd, Carol P



Carol P. Gadd, 71, known to friends and family as Dede, died October 12 at Bristol Hospital in Connecticut after a brief illness.

A daughter of the late Frank and Eleanor Gadd, Dede was born in Detroit, Michigan on July 11, 1950 and soon moved to Manchester and then West Hartford, CT. She graduated

from Conard High School, The University of Hartford, and received her masters in early chilhood education from Central Connecticut State University. She worked at the Discovery Center preschool in Berlin, CT and made a good friend Marilyn Asal while there.

Dede spent wonderful childhood summers in Chilmark, MA and came as much as she could throughout her life and in the last 32 years with her significant other, John Bower. She was the love of his life and they lived in Newington, CT. When she and John were not on the Vineyard at the beach, on or in the water, bird watching, or hiking the trails, they were doing the same in the New England area.

She and John attended Church of Christ, Congregational, in Newington.

Dede will be remembered for her great heart and generosity and for battling through her adult life with many health obstacles.

She leaves behind John Bower of Newington, CT, her sister Emily Gadd of Bozeman, MT and Chilmark, MA, her sister Frannie Demers and her husband Phil, nephews Daniel, John and his wife Dyan, great nephew Clive, and great niece Iris Demers, all of Chilmark.

An Abel's Hill Cemetary, Chilmark service will be held in late Spring or Summer of 2022.

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Gerulaitis, Marcia L. (Hayden)



Marcia L. (Hayden) Gerulaitis age 78 of Manchester formerly of Windsor beloved wife of the late George Gerulaitis passed away on October 21, 2021. She was born in Hartford, CT on September 3, 1943; the only daughter of the late Francis and Olive (Clark) Hayden. Marcia grew up in Windsor and

attended local schools graduating from Windsor High School class of 1961. She started her career working for the Institute of Living in the library and accepted a position in the Psychiatric Research and Education Department and excelled to become an Executive Department and excelled to become an Executive Assistant retiring after over thirty-five years of service. Marcia enjoyed gardening, cooking, and traveling even though she never got away enough. In her spare time, she would be shopping QVC or creating beautiful wreaths and artificial floral arrangements.

Marcia is survived by her two loving daughters, Deborah "Deb" Whittemore of Manchester and Lori Whittemore (William Pennington) of South Windsor; her two cherished grandsons, Sean Patrick Nevins and Daniel Nevins (Amber Taylor Nevins); and three adored great-grandchildren. Madisyn. Julia and Sayannah:

great-grandchildren, Madisyn, Julia, and Savannah; a stepsister, Leslie Lavery; and nieces, nephew, and friends. She joins in heaven her departed husband George, her beloved brother and best friend, David Hayden, her sister-in-law, Joyce Gann, and her beloved pets especially Charlie.

Calling hours will be held Monday, November 1, 2021, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm at Carmon Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor, CT. A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at Elm Grove Cemetery. Memorial donations in Marcia's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Blvd., S4B, Southington, CT 06489 or Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111. For online expressions of sympathy please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Haines, Dorothy C.



Dorothy C. Haines, 85, of East Hampton, wife of the late Warren Haines passed away peacefully at Middlesex Hospital on Wednesday Oct. 27, 2021. Born July 9, 1936 in Manchester, CT, she was the daughter of the late Frederick and Doris (Olsen) Clayton. After raising her children Dorothy worked as a Nurse until her retirement. She was

an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in East Hampton for most of her life. She was a member of the East Hampton Historical Society, East Hampton Garden Club and Dorcas Circle. She is survived by her son Robert Haines and wife Michelle of Rockfall, CT, daughters Cheryl Kissinger of East Hampton, Karen Haines of Moodus, brother and sister in-law Richard Haines of Moodus, brother and sister in-law Richard and Elizabeth Haines, her nieces Laurie and Susan, her three grandchildren Stephanie Schwartz, Joshua Kissinger, Michael Haines, and her five great grand children Emery Schwartz, Audrey Schwartz, Bennet Kissinger, Luna Haines and Lily Haines. Dorothy's family would like to thank the care givers that helped Dorothy immensely, and the exceptional staff at By The River in Marlborough. A Private service will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in East Hampton and burial will be in the family plot in Rose Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church 1 East High St P.O. Box 31 East Hampton, CT 06424. To leave online condolences East Hampton, CT 06424. To leave online condolences please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

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Hicking, Amelie (Amy) (Masinda)



Amelie (Amy) Rosalind Russell Masinda Hicking Masinda Russell Hicking passed away in New Orleans her beloved home, on August 4, 2021, at the age of 83. Born in Hartford, Connecticut to William and Johanna Hauschild Masinda. Miss Amy grew up in Willington, Connecticut, and spent her adult years in Manchester, Connecticut. She retired in as a medical lab technician at

the 90s from her position as a medical lab technician at the Department of Pathology at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, Connecticut. Moving to New Orleans at the age of 60 after vacationing there for years, she found her true home in the French Quarter.

Friends and family gathered in New Orleans to pay tribute to Miss Amy at a jazz funeral. At her request, half of Miss Amy's ashes were scattered in the Mississippi and the rest of her ashes will be interred with her mother in Saint James Cemetery in Manchester, Connecticut.

She was one-of-a-kind and unforgettable. All who knew and loved her will miss the bright light she shone on our lives. Amy was predeceased by her first husband, with the bright light she should be a second to the light she will be should be shoul Richard Russell (whom she married twice), and her

second husband, Ray Hicking. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

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LaFrance, Donald R.

Donald R. LaFrance, 81, of the Plantsville section of Southington passed away on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at the HOCC at New Britain General. He was the

loving husband of Patricia (Fournier) LaFrance. He was born May 13, 1940 in St. Francis, ME and was the son of the late Euciled and Elizabeth (Michaud)

years until his retirement. He also owned and oper-

ated LaFrance Tree Service. He was an avid hunter and

LaFrance. Donald was employed by General Motors for many

In addition to his wife he is survived by his children; Glenn LaFrance and wife Wanda of Easton, ME, Gerald LaFrance of Torrington, Laurrette LaFrance of Plantsville, Dwayne LaFrance and wife Michelle of Colchester and Dean LaFrance and wife Cindy of Bristol; a sister, Carol Carrozza of Southington; four grandchildren, Ashley, Emma, Brittney and Mark; a great-grandson, Gage, great-granddaughter, Alea and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by three sisters, Georgia Patterson, Anna Romaniello,

Jeannie Oaks and a brother, Arnold LaFrance. A memorial service will be held on Monday, Nov. 1st at 11 a.m. at the DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St., Southington. Burial will follow at St. Thomas Cemetery. Memorial calling hours will be prior to the service from 9-11 a.m. For online condolences and directions please visit, www.dellavecchiasouthington.

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Lorenz, John R.



John Lorenz, "Uncle Bob", of Cromwell, CT, died peacefully Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at the full age of 100 after a brief illness. Born in Brooklyn, NY, on June 11, 1921, to Sophia, (nee Koenig) Gottsche, Austria, and William Andreas Lorenz of Bavaria, Germany, Uncle Bob served his country as a Staff Sergeant in the Army Air Corps during WWII from April

'42 - December '45 as a Control Tower Operator, then as an instructor of CTOs, assigned in Florida and the Aleutian Islands. Before the war he lived in Canarsie, NY with his family of nine siblings, then in Livingston Manor, NY, during the depression when his family moved there

to become dairy farmers. He loved the hard work of farming and living off the land. He learned to commune with nature and always spoke of fond memories of "the

After the war he joined the Fire Department of New York City, serving with an engine company in Brooklyn, and then with the marine division as a lieutenant on the fire boat. As many of our brothers and sisters in the FD, John narrowly escaped mortal injury, and he performed many rescues on land and water.

in the mid-1970s, he joined the U.S. Immigration Service and serving as an immigration officer at JFK airport in New York. He screened and welcomed many immigrants to the shores of America. One highlight was the honor and blessing of interviewing (Saint) Mother Theresa of Calcutta upon her arrival.

In his retirement, he spent many good years with friends and relatives, traveling and finally owning a small home in Florida.

John leaves behind a sister, Genevieve Wallace of Appleton, Wisconsin, his good friend and companion, Lucille Franco and her family, and many nieces and

nephews now scattered throughout the USA. He enjoyed a surprise 100th birthday party with many of thém in June.

John most recently resided in assisted living at Covenant Living of Cromwell. He often spoke of their kindness and alacrity in executing their responsibilities there. We thank them for their kind attention during his stay there, and that of Home Instead companions

and caregivers... all wonderful people.

John would sometimes say, "I must be in heaven – I'm being attended to by angels."

Such was the extent of his gratitude. We'll miss you,

Uncle Bob. Thank you! A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on

November 1 at 10:00 am at Saint John Church, 5 Saint John Court, Cromwell. Burial will be at 2:30 pm in

Maryrest Cemetery in Mahwah, NJ.
Family and friends may call on Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Cromwell Funeral Home, 506
Main Street, Cromwell. In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged to the Benevolent Fund at Covenant Living of Cromwell, The Salvation Army, or The Franciscan Life Center of Meriden, CT, all of which John had close ties. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com

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Marino, Michael S.



Michael S. Marino, 67, of Tolland, CT passed away on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at home. He was born in Hartford, CT, son of the late Samuel and Sophie (Gangi) Marino. Mike was the former owner of M&T Carpet Service. An avid fisherman, hunter, and boater, he was a member of the Stafford Fish and Game Club for over 30 years. He

was also an excellent cook. Mike is survived by his wife of 44 years, who he had known since they were 17 years old, Linda (Abrams) Marino; two children, Julie Cormier and her husband Jason, and Michael Marino; his beloved grandchildren, who he spoiled rotten, Madeline, Kathryn and Cole; his four sisters and their spouses, Michele, Valerie, Tammy and Lori; and many other family members. He was predeceased by his son, Samuel Marino. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Stafford Fish and Game Club, P.O. Box 74, Stafford Springs, CT 06076. Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., Stafford Springs, CT has care of the arrangements. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com

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McCarthy, Daniel David



Daniel David McCarthy, 72, departed this earth on October 1, 2021. Born January 4, 1949, in Middletown, CT to the late Charlotte (McKinstry) and Lawrence McCarthy. Dan grew up in Middletown and Cromwell, CT., and graduated from Cromwell High School, Class of 1967. Dan spent his entire working career on the 3rd shift at Pratt & Whitney.

Dan had many nicknames, known as "Husky" in high school, Dad, Pop, Grandpa, Uncle Dan, Dano, Burt, and especially, Hon. Nicknames were important to him and he gave out many to those he loved. Dan was best known for his gentle demeanor, kindness and patience Everyone that met Dan admired him. He was a man of great morals and compassion for all living things. He never met a critter he didn't try to make friends with. Dan knew all the names of the dogs in his neighborhood and made sure to say hello to them on his walks. Dan loved music and shared that love with his daughters and grandchildren

and anyone that would listen. He taught himself how to play many instruments including guitar, saxophone, clarinet and piano. He also loved listening to all kinds of music and shared bluegrass with his girls on Saturday mornings at 7:00 am. Dan had many hobbies, loved to travel, was artistic, and found joy in baseball (in his younger years), photography, archery, bicycle adventures with family and friends, woodworking, and drawing. He and his brother, Kevin, were affectionately known as "the paparazzi" at family gatherings, both with their cameras ready to capture every moment. Dan built a beautiful wooden cradle for his first grandson, Jason. Several grandchildren, nieces and nephews spent the first months of their lives in this cradle. He blessed his daughters with pencil drawings of their likeness he completed from photos which they will always cherish.

Above all family was the most important. Spending time making memories was what life was all about for Dan. You could count on a telephone call on your birthday every year from Dan and Sandy, regardless of where they were, singing Happy Birthday, random texts saying Love Ya, and bear hugs that made you feel like you were one hundred percent safe. Anyone that came to Dan with a problem or concern always left with heartfelt sound advice. If it was important to his wife, daughters, or someone he cared about it was important to him.

Dan leaves behind his beloved "Beautiful Bride" and soul mate of 46 years, Sandra (Cooke) McCarthy. Dan and Sandy shared so many adventures together and made so many wonderful memories. The most important person in his world was Sandy. If it made Sandy happy, it made Dan happy. If everyone found a love so pure and perfect the world would be a much better place. Dan also leaves two daughters who loved their Dad with every ounce of their souls, Angela Lent and husband Scott, and Amy McCarthy and fiancé Ivan. Dan's Grandchildren were so special to him: MSgt Jason Lent, U.S.A.F., and wife Nicole, Daniel Twiss (Little Dan), and Benjamin Twiss (BenGerman). His Great Granddaughters: Kiera, Lily and Luna. Surviving Dan are his Sister, Kathleen Adinolfi and husband Fred, Brother Kevin McCarthy and wife Maria. Sisters-in-law: Jacklyn Lech, Donna Cooke and husband Richard LeBlanc, Susan Bowman and husband Bob, Alison Rogers and husband Keith, Brother-in-law Steven Cooke and wife Donna. Mother-in-law Katherine (Fahey) Cooke. Dan was blessed to have several nieces, nephews and cousins whom he adored. He was predeceased by his parents, Father-in-law, Donald Douglas Cooke, Sr., and Brothers-in-law Donald Douglas (Douggie) Cooke, Jr., and Richard Lech.

The family will hold a private celebration in South Carolina in late October. A celebration of Dan's life will be November 6, 2021, from 5 - 8 pm at Joanna's Restaurant, 145 Main St., Somers, CT.

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Rosen, Maureen (Crowther)



Maureen (Crowther) Rosen, 69, of Vernon, CT, beloved wife of the late Richard Rosen

of the late Richard Rosen (2008), passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at Hartford Hospital.

Born in Northampton, MA, the daughter of the late Cyril and Lucille (Gosselin) Crowther, she grew up and lived in Florence, MA and Andover, CT before moving to Vernon over before moving to Vernon over

10 years ago. She was a graduate of Northampton High School, Class of 1969, and graduated from the Meriden-Wallingford School of Nursing in 1972. She then worked as a nurse in the interview of Nursing in Transport the Meriden High Transport the Nursing in the Interview of Nursing I at the University of Arizona Hospital in Tucson where she became a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner while there. Prior to her retirement, Maureen was employed at Manchester Memorial Hospital for many years where she was a Labor and Delivery nurse, and formerly employed at Mount Sinai Hospital in Hartford. She had a passion for taking care of babies, and loved gardening, flowers and reading. You could find her with a book or crossword puzzle in hand, or sharing pictures of her beloved grandchildren to all.

Maureen is survived by her children, Abby Savard and her husband Brett of Hooksett, NH, and Seth Rosen of Mt. Holly, VT; her two grandchildren, Lydia and Leo Savard of Hooksett, NH; two sisters, Donna Fungaroli of Florence, MA, and Carole Tower of Austin, TX, and many friends and family who will miss her dearly.

In her memory, contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society or the World Wildlife Fund. Her family will receive friends for memorial calling hours on Monday, November 1st from 3 - 5 PM followed by a memorial service beginning at 5 PM at the Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home, 551 Talcottville Road (Route 83), Vernon. Burial will be private and at the convenience of her family. For online condolences and guest book, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.



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Wilson, Christopher

Christopher "Chris" Wilson, 62, of South Windsor, passed away on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He is the son of Ellen (Dower) Wilson and the late Russell Wilson.

Christopher is survived by his daughter, Katie (Matthew) Wagner, former wife and best friend, Lisa Wilson, his brother Tom (Shannon) Wilson, and sisters Kathy Wilson and Joan (Craig) Sylvester. He leaves his nephews Ian Wilson and Sean Kleczkowski as well as his cousins Mary Gray, Rick Gray, Chris Gray, Marcia Kelly, Janet Dunnack, and Mary Hentley. He was predeceased by his cousin Patrick Dower and his loving dog, Sandy. He was employed by Aetna for the last 15 years as a Senior Systems Engineer, highly respected amongst coworkers. His family and friends held him in the highest regard, enjoyed his sense of humor, and his amazing remembrance of dates and times. He will be sorely missed.

Family and friends may call on the John F. Tierney Funeral Home on Monday, November 1, 2021, from 9 - 10:15 am. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am at St. Bernard Church, 25 St. Bernards Ter., Vernon, CT, with burial to follow at East Cemetery in

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IN MEMORIAM





October 29, 1930 - January 22, 2021

Hi Mom! You were the bright sunshine of our family. What a wonderfully carefree, happy way you had about you! We miss your wonderful smile and that unmistakable great laugh of yours. We treasure all those funny episodes of yours, moments that brought such joy and laughter into our lives!

Being with you was a joyful present for us each day! Mom, you had a zest for life that brought happiness and enjoyment to all you were with; especially to your family. You were so much fun to be with! Your wonderful talent for the piano brought so much enjoyment and fun to so many of us. Your music was a true expression of your cheery, vivacious personality.

Mom, we remember the kind and gentle way you had about you, your soft and caring smile and all the love you gave to us each day of our lives. Thank you for being our loving, joy-ful, utterly among Mother and Grandmother. God greatly belonged our family with the crift of your Our Levels blessed our family with the gift of you, Our lovely, caring Mother. Your beautiful spirit is shining ever so brightly in Heaven and within each of us every day of our lives. We will treasure forever the beautiful person you were. We love you dearly, forever; we miss you immensely, always. Happy 91st Birthday in Heaven, Mom! With All Our Love, Suzie, Cindy, Herb, Nancie, Tom, Aaron and Brenna



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Slow going for gang violence effort

After attempted shooting of Hartford officer, program trying to stop bloodshed still in flux

By Rebecca Lurye
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The attempted shooting of a patrol officer this week underscores the continued threat street gangs pose in Hartford — but an intervention program aimed at curbing gang

violence remains in a state of flux. A 31-year-old man affiliated with the Los Solidos — and who was sought in connection with a Monday homicide — shot into a police cruiser parked in Clay Arsenal early Tuesday morning, narrowly missing the young officer inside, police said. A mug shot from the suspect's arrest last month shows letters associated with Los Solidos cut into his hair, a harkback to earlier years when gang members could be easily identified by colors and tattoos.

Hartford police recently said that street gangs and groups account for about a third of the city's violence. Group Violence Intervention (GVI) — a nationally recognized model for reducing community violence — says gangs and groups typically drive 60-70% of shootings and homicides in their communities.

But Hartford has failed to launch a state-funded initiative that's based on the GVI model, even as the program, called Project Longevity, has shown success in New Haven and Bridgeport.

Now the statewide initiative — designed to bring together law enforcement, social service providers and the community to work together in gang violence interventions — is under new management

and briefly out of commission as a result of the long-standing issues in Hartford.

Hartford's new program manager, starting Monday, is Mark Manson, a former Hartford police officer who has also served on the force in Bloomfield and East Hartford, according to The Justice Education Center, the West Hartford nonprofit now managing Project Longevity.

"Terrific person, passionate about the community, well-respected," said Sherry Haller, the center's executive director. "We are lucky to have been able to hire him"

lucky to have been able to hire him."
He will replace former project

manager Glendra Lewis, whose contract expired Sept. 30. Two months ago, The Courant revealed there had been little cooperation between her and the police department for at least a year. Their discord is documented in a series of reports in which Lewis and Police Chief Jason Thody lay blame on each other for some of the initiative's shortcomings over the past 18 months.

Meanwhile, Hartford has seen 30 homicides this year, not including the victim of an officer-involved shooting in January.

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Nagala, Williams OK'd by Senate

Will join Merriam in filling 3 open seats on US District Court

By Edmund H. Mahony Hartford Courant

The U.S. Senate has confirmed Assistant U.S. Attorney Sarala Nagala and Superior Court Judge Omar Williams for U.S. District Court judgeships, the final two of President Joe Biden's nominees for three open seats on the state's federal bench.

The Senate confirmed former federal public defender Sarah Merriam earlier



Nagala



Williams

the state judges moved rapidly through the Senate approval process and were confirmed for the lifetime appointments by almost identical, partisan votes after nomination by Biden, who promised during his first days in office to diversify the

administration of federal justice by nominating judges "who reflect the best of America and who look like America." Nagala and Williams were confirmed 52-46, Merriam 54-46.

Nagala, a career prosecutor, becomes the first federal judge appointed in Connecticut of Asian or South Asian background. Williams, who is Black, was a state public defender for 11 years before being appointed to a state judgeship by former Gov. Dannel P. Malloy. He is the fourth Black appointee among the state's 12 active and semiretired federal judges.

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Joseph Bennardo, a class of 1973 graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas and a member of its alumni association, tearfully hugs New Britain Mayor Erin Stewart before demolition of the long-abandoned Catholic high school on Thursday. MARK MIRKO PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT

As demolition begins, alumni look to the future

Long-vacant St. Thomas Aquinas High School set to bring 'new life' as New Britain housing

By Don Stacom
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wenty-two years after the last class gradated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School in New Britain, several dozen alumni gathered in the parking lot Thursday to watch the start of its demolition.

"It's time to say goodbye to our beloved Aquinas in its physical form," Joseph Bennardo told the group.

A few minutes later, Mayor Erin Stewart maneuvered an excavator to take the first chunk

out of a wall.

Contractors will spend the next few months tearing down the roughly 88,000-square-foot building, a time-consuming process because of asbestos throughout the structure.

The city is spending \$1 million for demolition and site work, and hopes to attract a private developer to build about 10 to 12 single-family houses for first-time homebuyers.

"We are here to celebrate a new beginning and a new use

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Stewart is coached by contractor Mel Wiese as she makes the ceremonial first strike. Plans are to build housing on the site that has become an eyesore for neighbors and a magnet for vandals.

2022 CONNECTICUT TEACHER OF THE YEAR

'A role model to her students'

Mansfield's Kim King lauded for nurturing, encouraging creativity

By Kaitlin McCallum Hartford Courant

An elementary school art teacher from Mansfield is Connecticut's teacher of the year for 2022. Kim King, who teaches at both Southeast Elementary School and the Annie E. Vinton School, was named this year's winner and honored at an assembly with Gov. Ned Lamont and other officials, King's family and students from both schools Thursday morning.

In announcing the honor, Lamont thanked King and all Connecticut teachers.

"Ms. King embodies so many of the qualities that delivers success in our schools," he said in a release. "We owe so much of the success that happens in our communities to the generous teachers who



Mansfield art teacher Kim King receives flowers from Annie E. Vinton students Brianna Crayton, right, and Noah Chieffo at a ceremony Thursday at Southeast Elementary School. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

have dedicated themselves to this noble profession. I thank Ms. King and every teacher in Connecticut for what they provide our schools

for what they provide our schools each and every day." conf Administrators said King, who taught in East Hartford and West-

brook before coming to the Mansfield district six years ago, has distinguished herself by nurturing students and encouraging both confidence and creativity.

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State's rainy day fund among best in the US

At \$3.1B, government could run for nearly 70 days

By Keith M. Phaneuf CT Mirror

While massive federal aid has helped states elevate their budget reserves above pre-pandemic levels, Connecticut's fiscal safety net has few rivals, according to a new report from The Pew Charitable Trusts.

Connecticut's \$3.1 billion rainy day fund — which would allow the state government to operate for nearly 70 days — has been amassed almost entirely over the past four years, due to an aggressive savings program and a surging stock market, as well as federal

coronavirus relief.

That 70-day estimate places
Connecticut fifth overall behind
only Wyoming (301 days), North
Dakota (105.6), West Virginia
(75.8) and Alaska (73.4), accord-

ing to Pew.
And had Connecticut recently

deposited its latest \$1.6 billion surplus in its reserves — the money instead is earmarked for the state's cash-starved pension system — the state would be tied for second nationally with a reserve three-and-a-half times the national average of 29.4 days.

"My colleagues have seen the benefit; I believe the benefit of the budget reserve fund" and the savings program, said Sen. John Fonfara, D-Hartford, one of the chief architects of the savings program.

While budget reserves traditionally aren't viewed as politically exciting, "a lot of legislators have written to their constituents on that" and begun to campaign for re-election on this achievement, added Fonfara, who co-chairs the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

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East Hartford police post street cameras, add intelligence center

By Jesse Leavenworth Hartford Courant

EAST HARTFORD — East Hartford police have opened a new intelligence center linked to street surveillance cameras, a system designed to monitor crime hot spots and record valuable evidence.

Cameras have been mounted at 11 of 12 planned locations, police said Thursday. Six sites are running and the rest will be operational within the next few weeks.

The monitoring and recording center is in the public safety complex on School Street.

"East Hartford police officers will be using today's technology to detect, deter and come up with solutions to address crime in town, with the ultimate goal of making our community safer," Police Chief Scott Sansom said.

The cameras are positioned above streets and intersections to capture images of vehicles and license plates. Police will not watch monitors all the time. Instead, department spokesman Lt. Josh Litwin said, the system is meant to supply a record that investigators can tap to solve crimes.

Litwin described the new center along with Lt. Donald Olson, criminal investigations bureau commander, and Det. Jason Smola, townwide camera project manager and detective in charge of the intelligence center.

"People don't want to talk to us all the time," Smola said, so camera footage can supply what reluctant witnesses will not. The images also can reinforce witness statements, Litwin said.

"It helps us build our case," Smola said. "It's a piece of the puzzle."

The approximately \$570,000 project was budgeted for this fiscal year, Olson said. The contractor is South Windsor-based Vulcan Security Technologies, Inc., the same company that contracted on Hartford's much more extensive street camera network.

Ultimately, Olson said, East Hartford's network may expand to 25 sites. Some camera sites already have fiber optic connections, but police hope to coordinate more of the high speed connections with the company installing a fiber network throughout town, beginning next year, he said.

Police have been careful in choosing sites so the cameras focus only on the public view, "not looking at the front of someone's house," Olson said.

"These cameras will be situated in publicly accessible areas,"

Mayor Marcia Leclerc said, "and will be utilized in a transparent, professional and ethical manner in an effort to ensure the safety of the East Hartford community and visitors."

All video will be saved for about 30 days to comply with state retention standards, Litwin said. The cameras also will be used to monitor traffic, particularly around school buildings, and weather conditions, Litwin said

Blue strobe lights will be mounted near each camera site alerting people to snow storm parking bans when flashing.

Camera locations are Burnside Avenue at School Street; School Street at Park Avenue; Burnside Avenue at Larrabee Street; 101 Great Hill Road at Mayberry School; Burnside Avenue at Hillside Street; Burnside Avenue at Beaumont Street; Main Street at Burnside Avenue; Main Street at Connecticut Boulevard; Governor Street at Prospect Street; 1692 Main Street at Fire House No. 2: Main Street at Prospect Street; and Burnside Avenue at Walnut Street. Police say location changes and additions will be announced publicly.

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Merriam, who is white, was a federal public defender before being appointed a federal Magistrate Judge in 2015.

"Sarala Vidya Nagala and Omar Williams are well-qualified, mainstream nominees who are diverse in terms of ethnicity, gender and ideology," said University of Richmond law professor Carl Tobias, who tracks federal judicial nominations.

"Nagala brings long experience as a federal prosecutor, and Williams brings experience as a sitting state court judge and state public defender. They had smooth hearings and strong support of both Connecticut senators, and their confirmations will mean the district has all of its vacancies filled, which will enable the court to promptly, economically and fairly resolve its substantial caseload."

Three openings on the influential federal bench is unusual in a small state such as Connecticut, which is allocated eight federal judgeships, lifetime appointments with a salary of about \$219,000. The judges work with their staffs at courthouses in Hartford, Bridgeport and New Haven and preside over cases involving business disputes, civil rights complaints and sophisticated crimes such as interstate fraud, racketeering and political corruption. Seven semiretired or senior federal judges continue to work in the state.

All three judges were recommended to the White House by Connecticut's two Democratic senators, Richard Blumenthal and Christopher Murphy. Blumenthal, who sits on the Senate Judiciary Committee, praised Biden's call for diversity.

"With a history of public service as a judge on the Hartford Superior Court and an assistant public defender, Judge Omar Williams will undoubtedly provide an underrepresented and muchneeded perspective to our federal judiciary," Blumenthal said. 'Sarala Nagala's experience as a federal prosecutor fighting the evils of human trafficking and hate crimes will have an immediate impact on our federal bench, where she will now serve as the first [federal] judge of Asian and South Asian descent in the District of Connecticut."

Nagala, a graduate of Stanford University and the University of California School of Law, was hired as a federal prosecutor in 2012.

She began prosecuting child exploitation, identity theft and crimes involving fraud in government programs. In 2016 she was appointed deputy chief of the major crimes and national security unit and also coordinates human trafficking and hate crimes prosecutions.

Williams graduated with honors from the University of Connecticut and its law school. He was appointed to the Superior Court in 2014 and, two years later, was named heard of the criminal courts in Hartford.

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With two months left of 2021, the city has already experienced more homicides than were recorded in any of the past five years in their entirety.

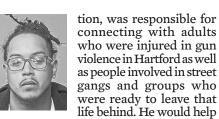
The most recent victim, 53-yearold Catherine Hayes, was found dead inside a Spring Street apartment Monday afternoon. Police are pursuing a murder charge against Jose Cajigas, the Los Solidos-connected suspect who was arrested in Tuesday's attack on the police officer.

Until this week, police and court

records have not tied any recent homicides to formal gangs. However, earlier this month, a former member of Hartford's Project Longevity told the Hartford Courant that gang-related violence persists.

"You still have the Solidos, Cajigas the Latin Kings," said Gregory Mills, a former social services coordinator. "They're still there but they want to conduct business under the radar. Some of them are involved in making money in comparison to drawing attention to themselves."

Mills, who was also let go as part of the program's reorganiza-



license, job training, addiction and mental health services and housing assistance.

them get their GED, driver's

Throughout the pandemic, Mills also accompanied Hartford officers on what are called "custom notifications," individual interventions with the people most at risk of becoming the next shooter or shooting victim.

Some of his newest clients were

recent shootings, and Mills said he was waiting for them to recover so he could assign them to different programs. He'd also made inroads with Hartford's halfway houses, building a rapport with residents. These activities have been paused since Oct. 1.

"I left everybody in limbo" Mills

people who'd been injured in

"I left everybody in limbo," Mills said of his clients. "A lot of them are bothered. A lot of them are sad."

The center is now evaluating the needs of the three Project Longevity sites, and working closely with the police departments, cities and community members to improve coordination, client referrals and the administration of the programs,

Haller said.

Haller is also talking with service providers and members of the Greater Hartford Re-Entry Council, a collaboration of state and local groups that serve individuals returning from incarceration. The council chair, Sue Gunderman, is also the interim director of Re-Entry Services for the city of Hartford.

"I have confidence that HPD and Project Longevity and our community partners will be doing everything they can to address the violent incidences we are experiencing," Haller said.

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"I think that [reserve level] is something that we can't talk about enough," added Sen. Cathy Osten, D-Sprague, co-chairwoman of the Appropriations Committee. "It is leading us to a point where we can count on an ability to fund the needed safety net programs in our budget" even in an economic crisis.

States rely heavily on reserves during a fiscal downturn to minimize cuts to core programs such as education, health care and municipal aid, and also to mitigate the need for tax increases.

Connecticut's economy was hit hard by the Great Recession, which ran from late 2007 through mid to late 2009, and employment and wage levels never fully rebounded.

By 2011, the state had drained its \$1.4 billion budget reserve — which was equal to 8% of annual operating costs at that time — and had run up about \$1 billion in operating debt. And its budgetary reserve never topped 3% until the late 2010s.

In October 2017, when lawmakers debated and ultimately adopted savings reforms, they seemed more hypothetical than realistic. Connecticut had a meager \$182 million in the bank at that time, worth less than 1% of the General Fund.

The 2017 legislature nonetheless raised the maximum reserve allowed from 10% to 15% of the General Fund and created a savings mechanism that became known as the "volatility adjustment." It made it very difficult for state officials to spend state income tax receipts tied to investment earnings — traditionally one of the most volatile revenue streams in Connecticut — once annual revenues topped \$3.1 billion.

Connecticut also benefited from a stock market that has risen sharply since 2018 and has maintained and built upon that growth — even after an initial drop shortly after the coronavirus outbreak began in the United States in March 2020

Pew found that Connecticut's reserves grew second-fastest nationally, trailing only New Jersey, in the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2020.

But Connecticut also amassed billions of dollars in surpluses in the 1990s and early 2000s, and most of those were spent. The difference this time, Fonfara said, was a culture change within the Capitol.

Though Democrats have controlled both chambers of the legislature since 1997, they couldn't solve a tough 2017 budget debate on their own and brought in the GOP to craft a bipartisan package. Fonfara praised minority Republi-

cans for staunchly supporting the volatility adjustment and other fiscal reforms.

The savings program can be suspended, but only with a 60% vote in both the House and Senate.

But Fonfara noted that Gov. Ned Lamont, a fiscally moderate Democrat, has constantly challenged legislators since he took office in January 2019 to adhere to the volatility adjustment and to avoid tapping the rainy day fund.

Lamont's budget director, Office of Policy and Management Secretary Melissa McCaw, said without steadfast adherence to the savings program, Connecticut never would have filled its rainy day fund to the legal limit last year, nor made history this fall by depositing an extra \$1.6 billion into its pension

With about \$40 billion in unfunded obligations amassed over more than 70 years, Connecticut has some of the largest pension debt, per capita, of any state.

Those liabilities "have choked our budgets and hindered our economic growth," McCaw said. "We still have a long way to go to meet the challenges ahead, but Connecticut is on the right track, and we are well-positioned to continue this positive progress."

But some have criticized Connecticut's handling of its reserves.

State government alone received roughly \$3 billion in federal aid through the American Rescue Plan Act, and Lamont and lawmakers used \$1.8 billion of it to balance the new budget covering this fiscal year and next. Nonpartisan analysts estimate state finances, over those 24 months, will finish an unprecedented \$2.3 billion in the black. That means this potential surplus, if projections hold, also would go into the pension system — since the rainy day fund is at its legal maximum

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The Recovery For All coalition, a grassroots team of labor- and faith-based organizations, has pressed Lamont and lawmakers to invest more in social services, health care, job training and tax relief for low-and moderate-income households harmed most during the pandemic.

"At the same time our budget reserves are full — at the same time our billionaires and big corporations are profiting hand over fist — the vast majority of our residents are struggling more than ever," said Puya Gerami, director of the coalition. "And the state continues to maintain an upside-down tax structure while chronically underfunding our systems of education, health care, housing and social services. The status quo approach to the state budget has failed millions of residents for decades."



A crowd of onlookers react Thursday as New Britain mayor Erin Stewart directs the ceremonial first strike of an excavator arm into a brick wall at St. Thomas Aquinas High School. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

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for this historic site," Bennardo said.

Even though vandalism, fires and decay had long ago turned the building into a graffiti-covered, crumbling eyesore, many graduates looked wistful Thursday afternoon. Several wore T-shirts or sweatshirts emblazed with the school's name.

"It was a family here," said Marguerite Babin of the class of '63. "Everybody looked out for each other, everybody took care of each other."

Lori Zisk, a class of '79 graduate, took a last look around outside of the school and recalled how it had helped steer her to an 18-year teaching career.

"And the class sizes were so

small that it was a very intimate setting, teachers really got to know you," she said. "And this school gave me a deeper sense of what it means to be Catholic. I carry that passion today."

Several alumni spoke of individual teachers or coaches who had made a difference to them. As James Golon of the class of '87 listened to Stewart, his family said St. Thomas Aquinas teachers had helped him succeed in high school despite being profoundly deaf.

The school operated from 1955 to 1999, when — like many Catholic schools — it fell victim to dwindling enrollment and rising expenses. The city took title to the property in 2007.

"There were many, many attempts at redeveloping the site — the price tags were just too incredibly high," Stewart said. "Its deteriorating state has unfortu-

nately been an eyesore, and it has been diminishing the value of our vibrant East Side neighborhood for many years.

"This property will be transformed from a dangerous blighted building to a site for many beautiful single-family homes specifically targeted for first-time home buyers," she said.

Julie Swan, president of the East Side Neighborhood Revitalization Zone, told alumni that the property isn't simply being used for something else. Instead, there will be a thread connecting the future use to the past, she said, citing the warm memories former students have.

"Memories, great, great memories — as you walked out of those doors and you started your new life, people now will be able to come in and start their new lives in brand-new homes," Swan said.

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"Kim's warm and caring heart comes through in all that she does with our students, families, and staff," Lauren Rodriguez, principal of Southeast Elementary School, said. "Our children love her because they know how much she cares about them. They also trust that she will help them create their best work — work that shows students' individuality and creative spark."

Connecticut Education Association President Kate Dias lauded King for her continuing pursuit of professional development.

"A role model to her students, she is committed to her own growth and learning, ensuring that her leadership and teaching practices continue to evolve," Dias said. "Equity, empathy, and respect are at the heart of her teaching, and we are proud to see Kim recognized for the invaluable work she does and for the talent, passion, and dedication she brings to the teaching

profession."

King was chosen by the Connecticut Teacher of the Year Council, composed of former winners and community representatives, from candidates submitted by local school districts. She will represent Connecticut in the 2022 National Teacher of the Year contest. She succeeds Rochelle Brown, a kindergarten teacher from Poquonock School in Windsor.

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Cops lauded after targeted gunfire

Hartford, Norwich officers reacted like pros, leaders say, as assaults on police increase in US

By Jesse Leavenworth Hartford Courant

Law enforcement leaders praised Hartford and Norwich police officers for their vigilance and professionalism after the two cops escaped targeted gunfire and helped arrest suspects in separate incidents Monday and Tuesday.

"What shouldn't be lost here," Brian Foley, an aide to public safety Commissioner James Rovella, said Wednesday, "is that both armed, violent suspects were taken into custody safely by police. This speaks volumes of the professionalism of police officers in Connecticut and the heroism of these officers who were trying to help."

"The vigilance that's required by police officers always is in play, and is a large part of why these officers were able to survive," East Hartford police spokesman Lt. Josh Litwin said. "It's a reminder to everyone of the dangers of this job."

Law enforcement across the nation has become more dangerous. This year through September, 59 officers have been killed in the line of duty, a 51% increase over the same period last year, according to the FBI. Last year, 60,105 law enforcement officers were assaulted on duty, 4,071 more than the previous year, the agency reported.

Manchester police Lt. John Rossetti, head of the local union, attributed the heightened danger to societal changes.

"It's a sad state of affairs our

society is in," Rossetti said, "and I can't help but think it's the overall lawlessness and lack of respect for policing as a profession created by the false narratives that politicians continued to project in furtherance of their political agendas.

"Our communities are not safer," Rossetti said, "and we can look to our local leaders as being responsible."

The incident in Hartford began at 1:30 a.m. Monday. The officer was in her marked cruiser in a Main Street parking lot when a man approached. Believing he was intoxicated or in need of medical help, the officer requested an ambulance. The man, later identified as Jose Cajigas, 31, suddenly drew a pistol and fired through the driver's side window of the cruiser — narrowly missing the officer but shattering glass into her face, police said.

The officer pulled the car forward while the man ran, but she kept eyes on him and directed other responding officers, who captured Cajigas nearby and recovered the firearm he used, police said.

In Norwich on Tuesday at about 10 p.m., an officer was responding to a report of shots fired when he spotted a man carrying a rifle. A suspect later identified as Andrew O'Lone, 28, fired at the officer, striking the cruiser with several rounds, police said. The officer returned fire, police said, but no one was shot.

The type of point-blank gun attack that police in Hartford and Norwich described is not as prevalent as other kinds of assaults. according to FBI figures.

In 2019, of the 56,034 officers assaulted on duty, 30.7% were injured. The largest percentage of officer-victims (30.4%) were assaulted while responding to disturbance calls. Assailants used hands and feet as weapons in 79.3% of the incidents, firearms in 3.8% of incidents and knives or other cutting instruments in 1.9% of the incidents, the agency reported.

Noting that police officers have been killed in ambush attacks throughout the nation, Glastonbury police spokesman Lt. Corey Davis said, "We train our officers always to be vigilant."

The deadliest attack on law enforcement officers since Sept. 11, 2001 happened on July 7, 2016 in Dallas when a gunman opened fire on officers working at a protest focused on recent killings by police of Black men in Minnesota and Louisiana. The attacker killed five officers and wounded nine others and two civilians before police killed him with a robot-delivered bomb.

Police in Hartford and Norwich have not disclosed possible motives for the recent shootings. Such events, Foley noted, can be traumatic for affected officers.

"Both Hartford and Norwich have strong employee assistance programs for officer wellness," he said. "I hope they both take advantage of them."

Many police officers in the state continue to be angry and frustrated by what they see as anti-police laws and rhetoric that amplify the hazards of their jobs.

"It's been unjustifiably politicized, racialized and demonized," Windsor Locks Det. Sgt. Jeff Lampson said. "The media hasn't helped because they act as political surrogates. Facts are dismissed and replaced by emotional tantrums.

"The politicians take full advantage of this crisis," Lampson said. "They engage in unscrupulous, unethical behavior while they pledge their full support to Connecticut's law enforcement professionals, only to the vote in the contrary when push comes to

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New team set to take the helm at state AFL-CIO

Ed Hawthorne and Shellye Davis would make history as youngest president and first Black VP

By Mark Pazniokas CT Mirror

Connecticut's AFL-CIO opens a two-day virtual convention Thursday, marking a changing of the guard at a time of great strife in national labor relations, yet unusual unity in the state's labor movement.

Left-leaning SEIU 1199 just rejoined the state AFL-CIO. Conservative building trades no longer threaten to bolt. And on Friday, delegates are set to choose new leaders: Ed Hawthorne, president; and Shellye Davis, executive vice president.

Hawthorne and Davis are going to the convention with an insurmountable list of endorsements from the federation's member unions, and as of Wednesday night they had no announced competi-

"I don't think we've ever been as united," said Sal Luciano, the longtime labor leader who is stepping down as AFL-CIO president, credited with helping to craft a legislative agenda that spans factions in the movement.

At 36, Hawthorne would be the youngest person to lead the state labor federation. John W. Olsen, the longest-serving president when he retired in 2013 after 25 years, was 38 when he took over.

"I always tell people, 'I'm a millennial, but I'm an elder millennial.' I can still talk to you about dial-up," said Hawthorne, a lawyer at the state Department of Labor who will quit state service to take the full-time position as president, which paid \$142,000 according to the AFL-CIO's most recent public filing with the Internal Revenue Service.

Davis, who leads the AFT affiliate representing paraprofessionals in the Hartford schools, would be the federation's first Black executive vice president.

She and Hawthorne, an AFSCME officer, ran as a ticket. Each is president of one of the state's two regional labor federations within the AFL-CIO: Hawthorne in the western half of the state; Davis in the east.

"We're looking forward to bringing everybody back together," Davis

The biennial convention comes as unions, whose membership peaked in 1954 as a percentage of the U.S. workforce, try to assess how the pandemic has altered the balance of power in labor-management relations.

Paradoxically, the economy is emerging from the pandemic with both high unemployment and labor shortages. Unions are pressing for advantage, staging strikes in what has been dubbed the month of

"Now is the time to grow the labor movement," Hawthorne said. "People are fed up with being taken advantage of in the workplace. They want better pay. They want predictable hours. They want affordable health care. They want to retire with dignity."

Liz Shuler, 51, who became president of the national AFL-CIO in August after the death of 72-yearold Richard Trumka, is scheduled to address the convention Thursday afternoon. She said in a speech two weeks ago that the labor movement is looking at a historic oppor-



Shellye Davis and Ed Hawthorne stand outside state AFL-CIO headquarters in Rocky Hill. It is dedicated to the two longest-serving presidents, John J. Driscoll and John W. Olsen. MARK PAZNIOKAS/CT MIRROR

union membership rates on the U.S. mainland, behind New York at 23.6%, Rhode Island at 19.1% and Washington at 18.6%.

With a far greater percentage of unionization among public-sector workers, the biggest players in the state AFL-CIO are the unions of Hawthorne and Davis, AFSCME and AFT.

At the convention two years ago: Liz Shuler, then the number two leader of the national AFL-CIO, and Sal Luciano, the Connecticut president. Shuler returns this year, at least on Zoom, as the national president.

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Ed Hawthorne, lawyer in Connecticut's Department of Labor

"The pandemic laid bare the inequities of our system," said Shuler, the first woman to lead the AFL-CIO since its founding in 1955. "Working people refuse to return to crappy jobs that put their health at risk. Essential workers are tired of being thanked one moment and treated as expendable the next."

The percentage of unionized workers increased in Connecticut during the pandemic-induced recession, in part a reflection of the job losses disproportionately hitting service jobs with low rates of union membership.

As total employment fell from 1.68 million to 1.533 million, the number of unionized workers rose from 244,000 to 262,000, lifting the percentage of union members in the workforce from 14.5% to 17.1%.

Even with the jump, the percentage of union members in Connecticut still is short of the 20.1% recorded in 1983, when the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics began tracking union density.

Connecticut ranks fourth in

Luciano is the former executive director of AFSCME Council 4. He succeeded Lori J. Pelletier, who resigned in 2018 with three years left in her second term as the AFL-CIO's top leader.

Pelletier and Olsen both came from private-sector unions: Olsen was a union plumber, and Pelletier was a member of the International Association of Machinists, representing Pratt & Whitney workers.

The labor federation had booked space for this year's convention at Foxwoods Resort Casino, whose workers are represented by four unions. It shifted to Zoom when COVID-19 positivity rates rose above 4%. They have since fallen.

Gov. Ned Lamont, a Democrat whose administration is in contract talks with state employees, also is scheduled to address the convention Thursday remotely, as is the U.S. secretary of labor, Marty

A month ago, Lamont was given a standing ovation by the Connecticut State Building Trades Council, whose members appreciate the governor's push for increased spending on infrastructure, which would yield steady work for the building trades.

His relationship with more liberal unions, especially SEIU 1199, is fraught due to his refusal to back higher taxes on the wealthy and past disagreements over state Medicaid rates for nursing homes. SEIU 1199's 25,000 members include 6,000 state employees, plus thousands of private-sector nursing home and group home workers.

The trades, which complained two years ago that the rest of the labor movement had done too little to support its members, recently voted to reaffirm their intention to stay in the AFL-CIO.

The executive board of the SEIU 1199, which had been outside the federation, recently voted to rejoin, a consequence of Luciano's fence mending and confidence in the new leaders, said Rob Baril, the union's president.

"I think that this is a time where it's just important that folks that represent working people find ways to deepen our collaborations," Baril said. "I certainly would not be suggesting to the executive board that the local rejoin AFL if I didn't feel positive about the incoming leadership."

The union took strike votes at several nursing homes, relenting only when the state provided more funding. But Baril remains critical of Lamont and the Democratic Party for not being more supportive, in his view, of frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"How are we going to manage our relationship with the Democratic Party? How are we going to manage a relationship, in particular, with a governor who has absolutely — absolutely — no frame of reference for what working class people have to endure on a daily basis?" Baril said, referring to Lamont's family wealth. "I don't think he's even curious."

Had the convention been in person, Baril would have been there to greet the governor.

CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Booster efforts moving ahead

More than a quarter of residents 65, older given additional dose

By Alex Putterman Hartford Courant

More than a quarter of Connecticut residents age 65 and older have received a COVID-19 booster shot, according to data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Preven-

Booster shots are currently available for recipients of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccine more than six months removed from their second dose who are 65 or older, have health conditions that leave them vulnerable to COVID-19 or work jobs that leave them at high risk. They are also available for anyone 18 or older who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least two months ago.

As of Thursday, 9.3% of Connecticut adults had received a booster shot, including 26.9% of those 65 and older.

Experts strongly recommend older residents seek booster shots to improve their immunity against COVID-19. Younger residents, they say, should decide whether to get a booster based on their level of risk.

Cases and positivity rate

Connecticut on Thursday reported 443 new COVID-19 cases out of 25,014 tests, for a positivity rate of 1.77%. The state's seven-day positivity rate now stands at 1.69%, up a tick from Wednesday but down from last week.

Connecticut has averaged 341 COVID-19 cases per day over the past week, a significant improvement over the prior seven-day stretch.

As of Thursday, Windham County continued to record "high" levels of of COVID-19 transmission as defined by the CDC, while Hartford, New Haven, Middlesex, Litchfield and New London Counties had "substantial" transmission. Fairfield and Tolland Counties had only "moderate" transmission. meaning residents there are not advised to wear masks indoors.

According to data released Thursday, 34 Connecticut towns and cities currently qualify for the state's "red alert" designation, triggered when a municipality averages at least 15 daily COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents.

Hospitalizations

Connecticut now has 191 patients hospitalized with COVID-19, down three from Friday and the fewest at a time since Aug. 8.

Hospital officials say the vast majority of those hospitalized with serious COVID-19 symptoms are unvaccinated.

Deaths

Connecticut on Thursday reported 30 COVID-19 deaths over the past week, bringing its total during the pandemic to

As has been the case throughout the pandemic, older residents and those with underlying health issues remain most likely to die of COVID-19, particularly when unvaccinated.

The United States has now recorded 742,281 COVID-19 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

Vaccinations

As of Monday, 78.7% of all Connecticut residents and 90.3% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 70.6% of all residents and 81% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

Thanks in part to the arrival of booster shots, vaccine administration in Connecticut has increased in recent weeks. From Oct. 17-23, providers in the state administered 64,592 total doses, per official numbers.

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18-year-old wounded in Asylum Hill shooting, police say

By Christine Dempsey

Hartford Courant

An 18-year-old was shot in Hartford's Asylum Hill neighborhood Wednesday night, police said.

Officers were dispatched to a city hospital after staff reported a gunshot victim had arrived for treatment, police said. The man had a wound he is expected to survive.

Police said they determined the shooting had happened in the area of 238 Sigourney St.

The department's Major Crimes and Crime Scene divisions responded and took over the investigation, which continues. Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to call the police department tip line at 860-722-8477 (TIPS).

The 18-year-old is the 143rd victim of a nonfatal shooting this year, according to department statistics. While the number is roughly the same as the number of

victims in all of 2019 (143) and 2018 (143), it is well below the number police were investigating last year. Hartford ended 2020 with 225 victims of nonfatal shootings, police

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PUBLIC NOTICES

At its virtual Regular Meeting of Thursday October 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., the Deep River Planning and Zoning Commission made the following decisions:

Special Permit Application converting a single family home to a two family dwelling at 61 Main Street. Applicant: Kevin Teskey.

Approved: Site Plan Application for Rear Lot, 60 Spring Street. Applicant: Henry

Approved: Site Plan Application for Real

Details of the decisions are available in the meeting minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Respectfully.

Anthony Bolduc 10/29/21 7073661

LEGAL NOTICE CHESTER PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Chester Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing with virtual participa-tion available on the Town website on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 7:00 PM at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut to hear the

Application for Amendment of Zoning Map. Applicant: Charles & JoAnne Park, 31-33 Straits Road, Map No. 14-310.

Details available on Town website or from zoningofficial@chesterct.org.

At this Hearing, interested parties may appear and be heard; written correspondence will be received and made a part of the record. Copy of the above are or file in the Office of the Town Clerk for

Bettie Perreault, Secretary Dated at Chester, Connecticut this 22nd day of October 2021. 10/22, 10/29/2021 7066404

ESTATE OF HELEN B. HOFFMANN, late of

The Hon. Jennifer L. Berkenstock, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Region # 14 Probate Court, by decree dated October 26, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Monika L. Graham, Assistant Clerl

The fiduciary is: Marge B. Calltharp, 44 Mt Parnassus Rd East Haddam, CT 06423 10/29/2021 7072999

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

OF Gordon Malan Kruser

The Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Ourt of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated October 19, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to prover on such claim. to recover on such claim

Rosemary L. Nolin, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is: Susan Budlong Cole C/O William Campbell Hudson, Hudson Kilby and McCauley, LLC, 10 Bokum Road PO. Box 398, Essex, CT 06426 10/29/21 7073517

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE MIDDLETOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOVEMBER 4, 2021
PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE LIMITED
TO FIVE MINUTES. PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS PRIOR TO OR AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

1. Request for a variance of Section 21.02 to permit the installation of a handicap ramp and walkway within the required front and side yards on property located at 13 Wall Street. Applicant/

Steven Kovach, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals 10/22, 10/29/2021 7064865

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Teddy Richards ready to talk Aretha Franklin

Musician kept quiet about famous mom to make own name

By Brian McCollum **Detroit Free Press**

For years, a Detroit singer-songwriter diligently pursued his music career, building a reputation and making a steady living.

Through it all — as he hustled, performed and promoted his work -Teddy Richards deliberately muzzled one of the most compelling selling points at his disposal: He is the son of Aretha Franklin.

"I learned quite early, especially when dealing with journalists or people tied to the industry, it was very easy to be exploited as 'the son of Aretha,'" he says. "If you're trying to do something in your own name, making your own way in the world, it's going to be impossible if that's how people know you. It would allow them to ignore your accomplishments."

It's not that Richards wasn't publicly tied to Franklin. For 30 years, he played guitar as part of her touring ensemble, sometimes joining her in the studio. And that's exactly how he described himself in his own news releases. marketing materials and interviews, where Richards was merely a "guitarist in Aretha Franklin's band." His mother was a "supernova," he says, and he wanted his own light.

Now, at 58, Richards says he has grown comfortable in his own skin, confident in his accomplishments and his development as an artist and producer. And he is at last ready to publicly link his own work to his Queen of Soul mom, recording an album to be released March 25 – what



Teddy Richards, son of Aretha Franklin, records at his home studio in Michigan. ROMAIN BLANQUART/DETROIT FREE PRESS 2003

would have been Franklin's 80th birthday.

"I feel internally I don't have to be as stern with myself anymore about that," he says. "At this point, I've proved myself to anyone paying attention."

The yet-to-be-titled release will include a cover of Franklin's 1973 hit "Until You Come Back to Me (That's What I'm Going to Do)," a song that holds a special spot in Richards' heart: It was his first boyhood experience with his mom in a recording studio. He sat in on a session produced by Arif Mardin and featuring Donny Hathaway on piano.

Richards was born in 1964 to Franklin and her husband-manager Ted White, becoming the singer's third son. White, who died last year, also had a March 25 birthday.

"That seems like a perfect day to release a record in both their honor," says Richards.

Franklin and White divorced in 1969, and Richards was raised by his father in Detroit. He grew up with an eclectic musical taste, scrolling the local radio dial and finding himself enchanted by pop and rock as much as the R&B he was immersed in. By the time he was 8, he was listening to Frank Zappa, and it was off to the races

Richards was a relative guitar novice when he headed to Michigan State University in the early '80s, but his skills quickly matured as his band the Preps played bars and frat parties, eventually landing opening slots with bands such as Modern English.

His mom took notice. In 1984, with a two-night stand booked at the Chicago Theatre during Thanksgiving week and needing a guitarist, she asked Richards to join her band onstage. He had to borrow an amp from a

"I was terrified." he says. "I'd never done anything of that magnitude."

But things clicked, and Richards became a regular part of Franklin's touring group. It was a job that left plenty of room for his own musical ventures: Having recently sworn off flying, Franklin was now playing just 15 or 20 dates a year. Still, it was enough to help strengthen his chops.

"It was by her grace that I was allowed to grow and become an even better musician," he says.

Richards graduated from MSU in 1986. By the '90s, he was playing solo shows regularly. There were high-profile spots including a series of opening dates with the Red Hot Chili Peppers and a growing European presence. Richards signed with a German record label and carved out an overseas niche for himself.

In the mid-'90s, a chance

meeting with INXS led to an ongoing creative relationship with that group's keyboardist and lead songwriter, Andrew Farriss. Richards says the Australian took him under his wing – where "I was working as a peer, but feeling like a student under his tutelage."

"I was a bar star, playing loud rock guitar. Working with Andrew, for the first time. I started to understand structure, the master plan to a song, and not just winging it," he says. "I started to really understand the correct way to write, be it a rock tune, a soul tune, a modern piece of music. He had a major impact on my becoming the musician and producer I am today."

The two wrote more than a dozen songs together, some of which will make their first appearances when Richards releases his album next spring.

"This is a very important album for me," he says.

"There's a lot of musical growth. It's less guitaroriented and more songwriter-oriented. I'm a much better singer, much better producer, much better guitarist."

Three years after his Franklin's death, Richards says he remains awed by her musical legacy while continuing to take pride in new milestones — such as Rolling Stone magazine's recent coronation of "Respect" as the greatest song of all time.

His long years of reticence about attaching his solo career to her train came from a reflective stance. He'd had what he calls "eye-opening" encounters with other children of celebrities — many struggling with that role and even some, Richards says, who seemed stunted for life.

He was happier to pattern himself on the likes of Kate Hudson and Norah Jones — the daughters of Goldie Hawn and Ravi Shankar, respectively who forged their own paths in the arts, distinct from their famous parents.

"To some folks, it might look like, 'He was denying his own mother.' It's not that at all," Richards says. "I love both my parents dearly. But it's important to be your own man, stand on your own feet, handle your own business."

For Richards, the passage of time and his comfort in his own life's work have him eased him into a different kind of headspace.

"If you're able to establish your own successes - big or small, they're still yours — it allows you to release your grip a little bit," he says. "This is the package I've been given, and I'm going to make the most of it for the greatest success in life, with the greatest quality I can."

CELEBRITIES

Olivia Rodrigo leads AMA nominees

From news services

Olivia Rodrigo is having a sweet year as the leading nominee at the American Music Awards in the first year she's eligible.

The Disney actor and singer-songwriter broke out with hits from her 2021 debut record "Sour," which led to seven nominations at the AMAs, including artist of the year and new artist of the year. The nominations were announced Thursday for the fan-voted awards show that will air Nov. 21 on ABC.

Five-time winner The Weeknd has six nominations, going up against Rodrigo in the artist of the year category along with BTS, Ariana Grande, Drake and Taylor Swift.

Reggaeton star Bad Bunny, R&B newcomer Giveon and Doja Cat each have five nominations. In the new artist of the year category, Rodrigo joins Giveon, 24KGoldn, Masked Wolf and The Kid

Swift, who holds the record for the most awarded artist in AMA history, could further extend her streak. She is nominated for three awards total, including favorite pop album for "evermore."

Rapper Pop Smoke, who was killed in 2020, is nominated in three categories, including favorite hip-hop album and favorite hip-hop artist, and could win his first award posthumously.

Country star Morgan Wallen earned two nominations in country categories, but his recognition comes with an asterisk from MRC Live & Alternative, which produces the AMA Awards.

Wallen was caught on video using a racial slur at the beginning of the year, leading to other awards shows to disqualify him entirely or from certain categories. MRC



Olivia Rodrigo, seen Sept. 12, earned seven AMA nominations in the first year she is eligible. JASON KEMPIN/GETTY

Live & Alternative noted that his nominations were based on Billboard charts, but that he would not be included in the awards show, because "his conduct does not align with our core values."

Court won't hear Pitt appeal: The California Supreme Court on Wednesday refused to consider Brad Pitt's appeal of a court ruling that disqualified the judge in his custody battle with Angelina Jolie.

The court denied a review of a June appeals court decision that said the private judge hearing the case should be disqualified for failing to sufficiently disclose his business relationships with Pitt's attorneys. The state Supreme Court's decision finalizes that ruling. It means the fight over the couple's five minor children which was nearing an end could just be getting

started. Pitt's attorney had

previously argued that Jolie's effort to disqualify the judge was aimed at preventing his tentative custody decision, which was favorable to Pitt, from taking effect.

Jolie, 46, and Pitt, 57. were ruled divorced in 2019, but the child custody issues were separated. The couple have six children: Maddox, 20; Pax, 17; Zahara, 16; Shiloh, 15; Vivienne, 13; and Knox, 13. The five minors are subject to custody decisions.

Oct. 29 birthdays: Actor Richard Dreyfuss is 74. Actor Kate Jackson is 73. Actor Dan Castellaneta is 64. Singer Randy Jackson is 60. Actor Winona Ryder is 50. Actor Tracee Ellis Ross is 49. Actor Gabrielle Union is 49. Actor Milena Govich is 45. Actor Ben Foster is 41. Actor Janet Montgomery is 36. Actor India Eisley is 28.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Opposite sisters don't attract, they repel

Dear Amy: My sister and I grew up in an abusive home and have had issues to work through.

We've had to cope with anxiety, learn to forgive and learn what is healthy in relationships.

We have very different ways of handling conflict. She attacks verbally, using put-downs and a barrage of lectures on why she thinks I deserve whatever wrath she is dishing out.

When she does this, I tend to shut down. Because I tend to avoid arguing and work through my issues with others in a calm way (sometimes choosing to distance myself from drama), my sister and I are like oil and water.

We have forgiven one another and moved forward several times, but her recent group text, attacking family members while our father was hospitalized, showed me

that she hasn't changed. I've pulled away, and now she has confronted me for my reaction.

She says I'm judging her and that I'm a liar for not telling her immediately why I pulled away.

She goes between saying: "I don't need you" to sending me gifts and sweet texts, which I don't enjoy receiving. I want space from this unstable relationship.

How do I convey this without causing her to blow up again?

- Walking on Eggshells

Dear Walking: When it comes to the "fight-orflight" response, your sister is "fight" and you are

"flight." (I am, too.) Meeting your sister's

wrath with some of your

own might change the

dynamic (it might not), but because you are sensitive while your sister is volatile, you should put your thoughts down on paper. That way, you can say exactly what you want to say, review what you've written and then decide

whether to send it.

You might say, "My goal has always been to have a calm and peaceful life, as well as a consistent and caring relationship with you. After the challenges of our childhood, I believe this is what we both deserve! I'm letting you know that in the future, when you behave in a way that I believe is mean or hurtful to me or other family members, I'm going to back away. The reason I don't confront you at those times is because — I don't want to. Maintaining some distance is just me trying to take good care of myself."

On receipt, your sister will blow up. And you will back away. And you two might continue this dance — in various forms for the rest of your lives, unless she changes, or you decide to exit completely.

Your duty is to protect yourself. Protecting yourself does not mean that you are unforgiving or unloving, it just means that you are removing yourself from the dramatic maelstrom and living your life the way you want to.

Dear Amy: I recently saw one of my friends' wife with another man. They walked hand-in-hand. acting like nothing was

wrong with that. I really wanted to tell him about this, but it

would destroy him. He totally loves his wife and does everything for

her. I feel so bad for him. If I act any differently toward her, he will ask me what's up. What should I do? **Unsure**

Dear Unsure: There isn't necessarily anything wrong with walking handin-hand, and because you don't have any idea of the context behind what you witnessed, you should make a choice to avoid

leaping to conclusions. If you choose to discuss this episode with anyone, it should be with the wife. She may be able to provide some helpful or illuminating context.

Dear Amy: I was so surprised to see the question from "Desperate for Change," outlining a problem I thought I alone had: Terrible anxiety about talking on the phone!

This aversion has been weirdly crippling. During the pandemic, this anxiety has really gotten in the way of my genuine desire to communicate.

I appreciated your commonsense suggestion to communicate via text and writing, but you also suggested "practicing" making calls by calling a business and asking one simple question: "What hours are you open today?"

Well, I tried this, and then I did it again, and my confidence is growing.

Thank you for the tip. - Talking

Dear Talking: Well done! (By the way, I'm open 24/7.)

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'The Manor' delves into the terrors of ageism

Film set in nursing home thematically rich, director says

By Sonaiya Kelley Los Angeles Times

Axelle Carolyn's "The Manor" is the rare horror movie to feature a protagonist over the age of 60. The film stars Oscar nominee Barbara Hershey as Judith Albright, a woman who recently suffered a mild stroke and is moved into a nursing home whose residents are being targeted by a supernatural force.

The gothic horror, written and directed by Carolyn, is one of four films released in the second installment of Amazon Studios and Blumhouse Television's "Welcome to the Blumhouse" anthology, now streaming on Prime Video.

"It was a really hard script to find a home for because we're talking about ageism," said Carolyn. "It's incredibly difficult to get a movie made if your lead is a woman in her 70s. A lot of places really liked the script but then wanted us to replace it with a mental institution or change it somehow."

"The Manor," along with the other three films in this slate of Blumhouse films — "Madres," "Black as Night" and "Bingo Hell" — was made on a shoestring budget as part of the production company's mission to uplift emerging filmmakers from diverse backgrounds.

"I like that they're supporting and giving young filmmakers like Axelle a chance," said Hershey. "That's something that they're doing with their ever-growing power, and I applaud that."

This interview with Carolyn and Hershey has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: What made you



Barbara Hershey stars as Judith Albright in Axelle Carolyn's "The Manor." **KEVIN ESTRADA/AMAZON CONTENT SERVICES**

want to write a horror film centered on an older woman?

Carolyn: A bunch of different elements. The first was seeing people in my family end up in nursing homes. I think going into a nursing home and seeing the reality of aging you confront your own mortality in some ways. And the way that I tend to channel difficult emotions — because I'm such a horror fan and because that's the way that I write is to come up with supernatural stories.

The other thing is that we always seem to treat older people in movies and media in general like they're a different type of person. Like suddenly they turn into these crumpetmaking, cookie-baking, cute little people who are not (like) who we are right now. I wanted to have a character (who was) amazing, charismatic, sexy ...

and funny (like) most of the women of a certain age (that I know). If we had better role models, it would make it a lot easier to see yourself in their place.

Q: Of all the -isms, ageism often goes unchecked in our society. Why do you think that is?

C: I'm not sure, but I think it's particularly true for women. We always seem to praise very, very young women, and you can see it in Hollywood (how) over the age of 35, it becomes much harder (for women) to get certain roles. There are definitely barriers that are placed on women as they get older. And I can't speak to where it comes from, but it definitely has to change, especially in a society where we remain healthy and happy for much longer.

Hershey: I think probably all of the -isms are born of fear. If we could see role

models around us who, as they age, are healthy, vital, sexual, interesting, evolved, curious and very much alive, then it's not such a fearsome thing. It's one of the things that attracted me to the script and this character; (Judith) embodied all of those things. It's sadly rare and was a welcome

thing to get to play.
I'm always shocked that film doesn't embrace the truth of what it is to get older ... You look at a show like "Game of Thrones" where they have characters of all ages and the audience loved all of them. I think young people are capable of loving older characters and vice versa. We're all human beings. The quicker we get rid of the -isms, the better off we'll all be.

Q: Can you talk about the themes of society's mistreatment and exploitation of the elderly underlying the

movie? C: I have to say, I have great respect for the work of nursing home staff; I think they're doing an incredibly difficult job. But I think it goes back to that idea that we can't really picture ourselves as our (elderly) selves. We also very often have trouble communicating with people whose abilities have started to diminish, in particular people who have cognitive or physical issues.

Even trained staff sometimes (struggle) to know how to help. My dad had advanced dementia when he was moved into a nursing home, and I remember when we went the first time, my mom asked what do we do if he needs something. And they said, "All he has to do is press a button." And she said, "He has dementia, he will not remember new things. So how do we do this?" The fact that a place where they specifically (serve) those kinds of patients hadn't really thought of that, or had but hadn't come up with a solution, (shows) there are challenges that

are incredibly hard to solve. H: My mother also had dementia and one of the things that was difficult was that not only was she frightened about what she perceived was happening around her but she was so in pain at not being believed that these things were real. And the script dealt so directly with not being heard or believed, and it evolves with Judith questioning herself like, "Is this what dementia feels like? Is this what going crazy feels like?" All of that was really fascinating to me and wonderful to get to play with under the surface.

Q: What do you think it is about nursing homes ... that make them a perfect setting for a horror story?

C: You have vulnerable people whose abilities are starting to decline, whose own minds they sometimes have trouble trusting. And they're stuck in a place where communication is difficult, where even people who mean well have trouble hearing and understanding and figuring out how to help. And where, for your own good, you're locked inside. ... So your world gets smaller and smaller and very often if your symptoms manifest as (fear), you will be locked in the very place that you're scared of.

The experience of not knowing how to communicate must be incredibly isolating. I remember with my dad, you could see in his eyes that he had a thought and it would be gone before he could express it. How incredibly isolating and depressing it must be. So there's a lot of elements that thematically were very rich.

'FOUND' ★★★ ½

3 US teens adopted as infants in China seek out their family roots

By Nina Metz Chicago Tribune

For adopted children curious for information about their biological family, that process can be especially complicated in cases of international adoption. Complicated doesn't necessarily mean impossible, though, and the three teens at the center of "Found," the deeply moving new documentary on Netflix, are optimistic enough to give it a shot.

Chloe, Sadie and Lily are cousins who found each other through 23 and Me. Born in China and adopted by parents in the U.S., they had no blood relations here that they knew of — and then suddenly, they did. Their bond is instantaneous and palpable.

Lily is the oldest and just starting college when the film begins (though she's currently a senior at Oklahoma State University) and Chloe and Sadie are a couple years younger. All three are charming and smart and going through the usual teenage angst on top of the confused emotions surrounding the circumstances of their adoption, the result of China's one-child policy, which was in effect from 1979 to 2015. They're also sorting through what it means to be part of the Chinese diaspora but with no one in their immediate vicinity (they each live in different cities) with similar lived experiences.

At one point we see Sadie next to her mother as they look through old black-and-white photos of long-dead relatives, some of whom came to the U.S. from Ireland. Sadie's expression is unreadable but you sense some disinterest, and she confirms that feeling moments later: "I don't necessarily feel



Liu Hao is a Beijing-based genealogy researcher who helps adoptees and their birth parents connect. ${\bf NETFLIX}$

connected to them," she says. "I know that's part of my family, but technically they have no ties to me."

These teens are yearning for something but also acknowledge they don't always know what that is. It's hard to articulate all their feelings but the curiosity is there. Which is why all three families decide to travel to China together and visit the orphanages where the girls were raised as infants. And also, possibly meet their biological parents if a match can be found.

Watching the documentary, you might wonder why they invited director Amanda Lipitz into their lives. They come across as private people, but Lipitz had an "in"; she is Chloe's aunt. Oddly, that information isn't disclosed in the film. That feels like an important detail and it wouldn't take away from the movie to acknowledge it. If anything, it deepens it.

it. If anything, it deepens it.
Their contact in China
is a young woman named
Liu Hao. She's a Beijingbased genealogist who is
their liaison, working to
help find their biological parents. Generations
of families have been left
quietly devastated by the
emotional fallout of the
one-child policy and she's

wonderfully sensitive to this: "A lot of my relatives, they just gave up their children, their girls," she says. "And my parents, they almost gave up me because they didn't want to pay the penalty." Her mother's side of the family insisted they keep her, but says she always felt estranged and unwanted by her father. So even though she grew up with her biological family in China, she has some sense of the dynamics at play. "That's why I feel so connected with the girls," she says of the three teens, and she's able to locate the nannies who took care of them as babies.

It's stunning to hear that each nanny remembers the girls so clearly. Are these true memories or wishful thinking? Maybe it doesn't matter. "Although she isn't my daughter, I raised her until she was adopted," says one. "I fed her gently in my arms, as if she was my own," says another. "We nannies, we aren't coldhearted. My heart aches whenever I send a child away." It's a lot for everyone to process, and I was drawn in by the conflicting feelings colliding at all once: mutual grief and joy, but also confusion.

Where to watch: Netflix

HOROSCOPES

Tarot.com

Aries (March 21-April 19):
Someone close to you may be using your trust in them as leverage to convince you to take a financial risk. You could be left in the lurch if things go wrong, so do your own research to look for hidden traps that even the person pushing the plan might not be aware of.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Getting a lot of cleaning and decluttering done at home might not be as much of its own reward as you'd like it to be. You may feel your friends are doing something more exciting. Keep in mind your impression of how much fun others are having might not be accurate.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Feeling like you need to tiptoe around a touchy subject could make expressing yourself difficult today. Your focused effort might prevent you from offending any of the particular sensitivities you were originally worried about, you may wind up shocking people.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Peer pressure could be encouraging you to do something reckless financially, and you might have trouble finding information that's accurate enough to help you make a good decision about it. Your family might give you a more levelheaded perspective.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Feeling held back emotionally may tempt you to go a bit wild in public, as it could seem like the answer to boundaries that are too rigid for your comfort is to drop your boundaries altogether. A calmer conversation with someone you may take for granted in your daily life could help you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Finding the truth in a close relationship may be hard for you now. The other person might be hiding some things from you, but you could also be hiding things from yourself. You may already know these things on some level and simply don't want to acknowledge them.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):
A chatty atmosphere
in your social life may
wander into some surprisingly deep territory today.
Though you might not
see this coming, it could
be a welcome distraction
from irritations involving
your work or health that
don't have easy answers. A
friend might help.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Sensitivity can count for a lot in your career at this time. You might be frustrated that asking directly for what you want seems so complicated, but your ability to notice and articulate hidden dynamics may help you build surprising relationships. Ask them directly to coach you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your friends may want to have a logical conversation right now, but you could find your emotions wandering into it without permission. It might be better for you to honestly admit that instead of loudly insisting that you really are being entirely rational. Something is trig-

gering a wound.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Fuzzy communication about a matter of shared property or money may be exasperating for you at the moment, even though you might be contributing to the confusion yourself. Impulsively blurting out the first solution that comes to your mind could make things worse.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Bringing your intellectual appetite into your close relationships could be tempting for you at this time, but doing so might threaten the sense of security you get in those relationships. Taking a risk now could potentially make your connection stronger.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Some appreciation from others for the way you carry out your responsibilities might be welcome. However, dropping hints may not get you what you want. A direct approach could be more useful, but it may have unintended consequences — someone might offer to help.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Oct. 29,1929, "Black Tuesday" descended upon the New York Stock Exchange.

In 1956, "The Huntley-Brinkley Report" premiered. In 1960, a plane carrying the California Polytechnic State University football team crashed on takeoff, killing 22 people on board.

In 1994, gunman Francisco Martin Duran fired shots from a semiautomatic rifle at the White House.

In 2004, Osama bin Laden directly admitted for the first time that he'd ordered

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In 2012, Superstorm Sandy slammed ashore in New Jersey and slowly marched inland, devastating coastal communities.

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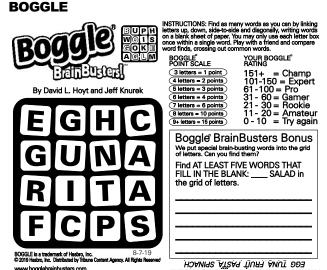
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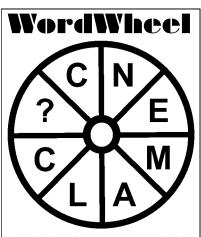
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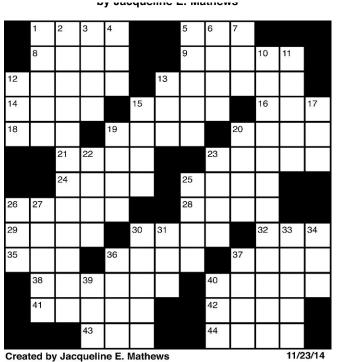
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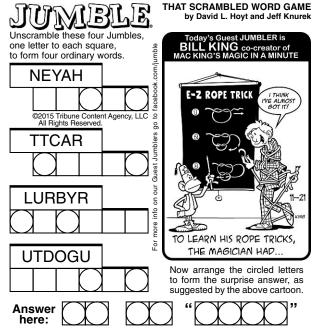
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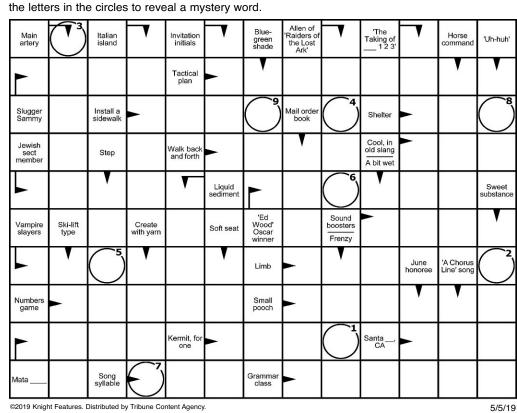
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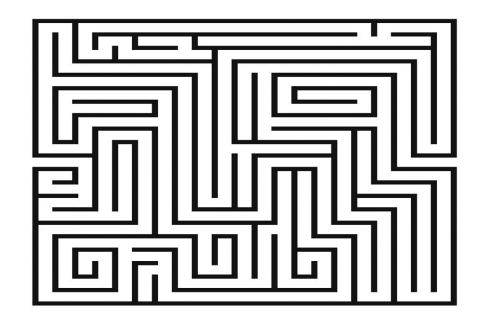
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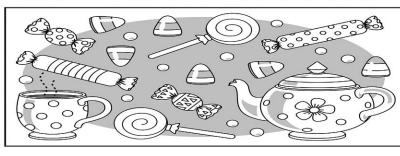
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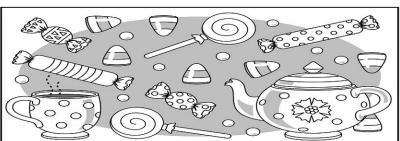
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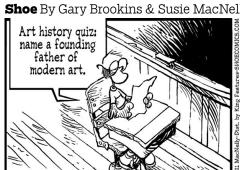




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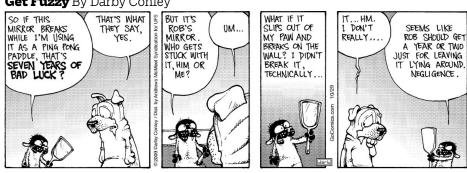




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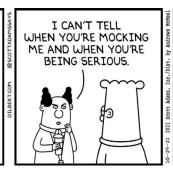






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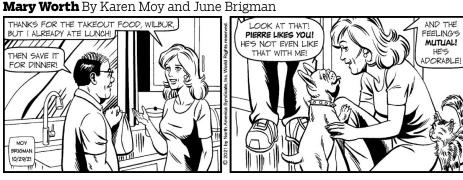
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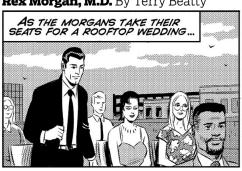


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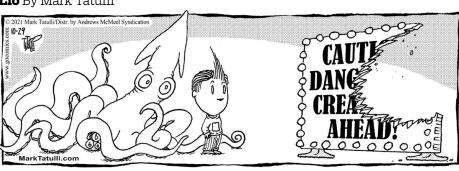


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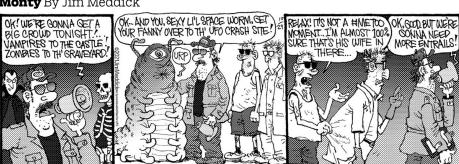
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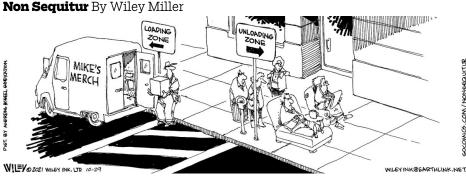




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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

Bidding quiz

Amusing incidents occasionally occur in major tournaments. For example, some vears ago a young Polish pair, representing their country for the first time in the annual world championship, reached a dreadful grand-slam contract.

By Gary Larson

After the opening lead was made and dummy appeared, declarer could see that his partner had greatly overbid his values. Declarer looked at the dummy, then looked at his partner and said: "That dummy is an insult to Poland!"

If you were West on the following layout, you might have similar feelings if you reached Six Spades due to partner's overoptimism after you opened two notrump.

However, they don't allow you to back up and change the contract, so the question is how would you proceed after North leads the ten of clubs? (Assume the missing trumps are divided 3-1 or 2-2).

East [S]AJ876 [S] K Q 10 9 [H] A K 3 [H]76 [D] A 10 2 [D] Q 5 [C] A 3 2 [C]J654

The only genuine chance for the slam is to find South with the doubleton K-Q of clubs, as well as the king of diamonds. Accordingly, you play a low club from the dummy, and South, luckily for you, produces the queen.

You next cash three rounds of trump (South turns up with three of them) and continue with the A-K and another heart, ruffing in dummy. Now you play the club five, taken by South with the king. You hope South will return a diamond away from the king, which would hand you the slam, but he smartly exits with a heart instead.

After discarding a diamond from your hand and ruffing the heart with dummy's last trump, you return the queen of

diamonds, covered by the king and ace. Miraculously, you are now on the verge of making the contract if North holds the jack of diamonds. You hope he started with a hand such as:

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[S] 5 [H] Q1082 [D] J843 [C] 10987 If that's what he was dealt, he will be a dead duck when you next play the queen of spades in this position:

North [D] J [C]98 West East [S] Q [D] 5 [D] 10 [C]J6 [C]3

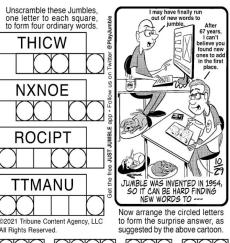
South

[D] 976 Whatever North discards on the spade queen, you make the contract. Of course, you must also be sure to congratulate your partner on his brilliance in contracting for such a dreadful slam!

Tomorrow: A clear look at the future.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK



CAGEY PEOPLE Jumbles: BEACH

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer: Throughout history, treaties have helped to establish stability - "PEACE" BY "PEACE"

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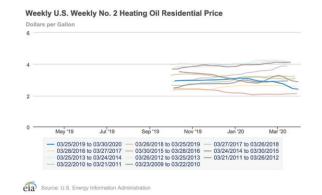








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RED SOX

It makes sense to retain Rodriguez. Is it possible?

By Alex Speier Boston Globe

BOSTON — At first glance, the 2021 season seemed like a disaster for Eduardo Rodriguez on the threshold of free agency. The lefthander posted the worst ERA (4.74) of his career while allowing the highest batting average (.277), OBP (.328), and slugging percentage (.437) in any of his six seasons in the big leagues.

So what might his first career foray into the market look like? In all likelihood, he'll encounter some impressive piles of money.

Within five days of the end of the

World Series, teams must decide whether to extend a qualifying offer - a one-year deal set at \$18.4 million this year — to free agents who have been with them for the entire season, something that would entitle the team to draftpick compensation should the player decline the offer and leave in free agency.

Two evaluators of other teams used the same phrase to describe the Red Sox' decision regarding Rodriguez: "a no-brainer."

The greater intrigue seems to be whether Rodriguez, who made

Turn to Sox, Page 2



Red Sox starting pitcher Eduardo Rodriguez gestures to the Astros during the seventh inning in Game 3 of the ALCS on Oct. 18 in Boston. DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

WORLD SERIES

Game 3 will let fans see a pre-interleague throwback

By Ronald Blum

Associated Press

ATLANTA - Game 3 of the World Series will be a bit of a throwback to the days before interleague play and players frequently changing teams.

None of the Atlanta Braves have faced Houston starter Luis Garcia. The only Astros player who has hit against the Braves starter Ian Anderson is Marwin Gonzalez, who is 0 for 3.

"Definitely going to try to use that to my advantage," Anderson said Thursday as the Series shifted to rainy Truist Park **World Series Game 3 Astros** at Braves 8:09 p.m., FOX

■ Inside: Altuve rises to occasion for Astros. Page 3

following a split in Houston. "I think with my pitch mix it definitely helps me out a little bit with the fastball/changeup. Definitely going to try to be on the attack, feed off the energy of the crowd, and put the pressure on them."

Turn to Series, Page 2

UCONN WOMEN'S

Huskies pile up more preseason accolades

Edwards, Juhász named to Katrina McClain Award watch list

By Alexa Philippou Hartford Courant

UConn women's basketball sophomore Aaliyah Edwards and graduate transfer Dorka Juhász were named to the 20-person Katrina McClain Award watch list, given to the nation's top power forward.

Edwards, coming off her Olympic debut with Team Canada, is the reigning Big East Sixth Woman of the Year after averaging 10.7 points and 5.7 rebounds per game during her freshman campaign. Juhász has yet to officially suit up for the Huskies after playing her first three seasons of college ball at Ohio State, where she was a two-time First Team All-Big Ten selection and averaged 14.6 points and 11.1 rebounds per game last season.

Former UConn star Napheesa Collier (2015-19) won the Katrina McClain Award in 2019. Incorporating fan voting, the watch list will be cut to 10 in late January, five in late February and then a winner will be

selected in March. Earlier in the week, sophomore Paige Bueckers was named to the watch list for the Nancy Lieberman Award, given to the country's top point guard, and freshman Azzi Fudd and senior Christyn Williams were among the preseason candidates for the Ann Meyers Drysdale Award, which honors the best shooting guard.

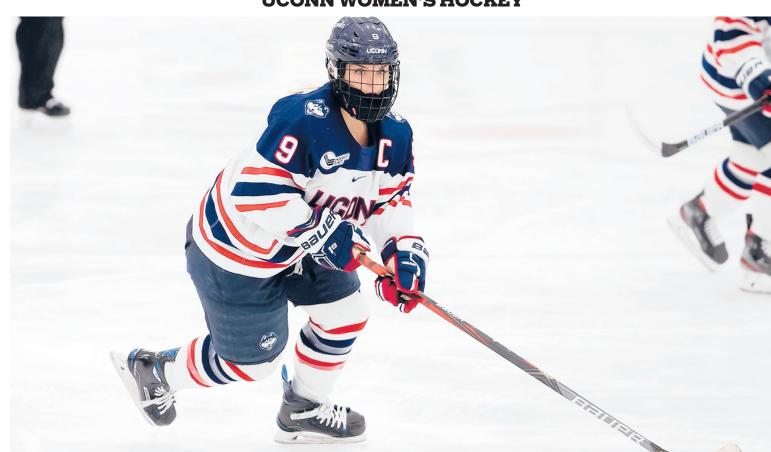
Huskies No. 1 in espnW poll

The Huskies were slotted No. 1 in espnW's preseason rankings, ahead of South Carolina and defending national champion Stanford, in that order.

UConn came in at No. 2 in the Associated Press preseason poll, which was released last week, behind South Carolina. Both teams return all five starters and bring in stacked recruiting classes. The Gamecocks and Huskies are set to face off Jan. 27 in Columbia, South Carolina and could see each other earlier if both teams advance to the championship

Turn to UConn, Page 4

UCONN WOMEN'S HOCKEY



Captain Natalie Snodgrass, with 61 goals and 56 assists in 139 games, has earned an impressive distinction from her coach. "She's the best player that's played here in the 20 years the program has existed," Chris MacKenzie says. STEPHEN SLADE/UCONN ATHLETICS PHOTOS

GOOD, **PLAY** GOOD'

With equal parts resilience and swagger, UConn is off to a 7-0 start — and has extra motivation to keep it going

UConn coach Chris MacKenzie knows that if his 7-0 team wins the next three.he'll have to honor a potentially uncomfortable bet he made with his players.



By Dom Amore Hartford Courant

he UConn women's hockey team has started the season with seven wins in a row, and six of them have been by two goals or less as they've outscored opponents 12-6 in the third period.

We are finding ways to just get it done," coach Chris MacKenzie said. "In years past we might be 4-3 or 3-4 or 5-2, or found somewhere way to not get those games done. But we are right now."

An experienced roster that's hungry for one more chance to advance in the postseason has a lot to do with it. "Resilient," said Natalie Snodgrass, the Huskies' top player. "That's the word I'd use."

Or it could be something else behind the best start in program history, a little extra incentive when the players can sniff a victory. A lot of the players returned to school this fall with impressive tans and decided to get spray tans one weekend to keep their color.

"Look good, play good," senior Viki Harkness said.

MacKenzie needled them. Big mistake. Things went back and forth and the next thing he knew he had promised to get a spray tan himself if the Huskies got to 10-0.

"Now we're 7-0, so we're getting pretty close," Harkness said.

And the players will hold MacKenzie to it. "That's the plan," Danielle

A successful coach builds trust so MacKenzie will keep his word if the Huskies beat Merrimack on Friday, Vermont Saturday and Boston University on Nov. 5, all home games at Freitas Ice Forum.

"If they do it, it won't be a ques-

"I'm just so lucky that, after the COVID year, that I get another regular year. It's just a testament to the school and the program, my teammates, that I wanted to come back and spend my fifth year here. I've loved my experience and hopefully I get to go out with a bang."

— Natalie Snodgrass

tion," MacKenzie said. "But it won't be pretty."

Such silliness is part of team building and this group has been together for a long time. They've shared the experiences of losses at the Women's Hockey East Tournament, including the championship game in 2020, and the crazy pandemic schedule last season in which there was not a positive test connected with the team. They want to do more than just knock on the door this year.

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Said Fox, "The team environment itself is amazing. I love coming to

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Safety Tip of the Day

Keep babies and young kids strapped in when using high chairs, infant carriers, swings or strollers. When placing your baby into a carrier, remember to place the carrier on the floor, not on top of a table or other furniture.

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UP NEXT

UConn football: Clemson, Nov. 13, time

Patriots: at Chargers, Sunday, 4:05 p.m. Giants: at Kansas City, Monday, 8:15 p.m. Jets: Bengals, Sunday,

Celtics: at Wizards. Saturday, 5 p.m.; Bulls, Monday, 7:30 p.m.; at Magic, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Knicks: at Pelicans, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Raptors, Monday, 7:30 p.m.; at Pacers, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Nets: Pacers, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Pistons, Sunday, 7:30 p.m.; Hawks, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. **UConn hockey:** at Dartmouth, Saturday, 8 p.m.; at Maine, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m.; at Maine, Nov.

6,7 p.m. Bruins: Panthers, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Red Wings, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at Maple Leafs, Nov. 6,

7 p.m. Rangers: Blue Jackets, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Kraken, Sunday, 9 p.m.; at Canucks, Tuesday, 10 p.m. Wolf Pack: W-B/

Scranton, Friday, 7 p.m.; Charlotte, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Bridgeport, Sunday, 3 p.m. **Hartford Athletic:** at Pittsburgh, Saturday,

TV/RADIO **AUTO RACING**

7 p.m.: NHRA Drag Racing Dodge//SRT NHRA Nationals, Qualifying. (Live) FS1

BASEBALL 8 p.m.: 2021 World Series Houston Astros at Atlanta Braves. (Live) **FOX SPRTNET**

7 p.m.: Kentucky Wesleyan at Kentucky. (Live) SEC

BASKETBALL

7:30 p.m.: Charlotte Hornets at Miami Heat. (Live) ESPN

10:05 p.m.: Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets. (Live) ESPN **FOOTBALL 7 p.m.:** Princeton at

Cornell. (Live) ESPNU 7:30 p.m.: Navy at Tulsa. (Live) ESPN2 10 p.m.: UNLV at Nevada. (Live) CBSSN 10 p.m.: Clackamas (Ore.) at Central Catholic (OR). (Same-day Tape) ESPNU

GOLF 10 a.m.: Ladies Euro Tour Golf Omega Dubai Moonlight Classic, Final Round. (Live) GOLF 1:30 p.m.: Bermuda Championship, Second Round. (Live) GOLF

HOCKEY 12 p.m.: Colorado Avalanche at St. Louis Blues. (Taped) NHL 2 p.m.: Minnesota Wild at Seattle Kraken. (Taped)

3 p.m.: Boston Bruins at Carolina Hurricanes. (Taped) NHL

SOCCER

4:30 p.m.: Notre Dame at North Carolina. (Live) 7 p.m.: Louisville at

Clemson. (Live) ACC TRACK AND FIELD 10 a.m.: ACC Cross Country Championship. (Same-day Tape) ACC 11 a.m.: SEC Cross Country Championship.

VOLLEYBALL 5 p.m.: Womens College: Notre Dame at Duke. (Live) ACC

(Same-day Tape) SEC



The Yankees' DJ LeMahieu looks on during the third inning against the Red Sox on July 17 in New York. MARY ALTAFFER/AP

YANKEES

Yanks should take lessons from the Astros' offense

By Kristie Ackert New York Daily News

NEW YORK — All the Yankees have had to do during this World Series is to sit back and watch as the Braves and Astros battle for the title. So can the Yankees take anything away from watching the Astros play in their third World Series since the Bombers last got into one? The way Houston constructed its offense is a good way for the Bombers to see where they struggled this season.

One big thing would be the type of lineup Houston has constructed over the years. They have long had a philosophy of drafting and signing hitters who make contact.

"You can't pitch each guy in their lineup the same way," one American League executive said. "They have guys who make a lot of contact, but they do with different types of swings, different paths through the zone."

The Astros make a lot of contact. While batting average is considered an outdated stat these days, it's notable that Houston did lead the American League with a .267 batting average this season. Making contact and putting the ball in play makes a difference in the playoffs, when the pitchers are generally throwing harder.

The Yankees, who tried to add some contact hitters to their lineup by re-signing DJ LeMahieu and trading for Anthony Rizzo, were 13th out of 16 teams in batting average this season

"LeMahieu was a contact hitter

who would help stabilize the ups and downs of their streaky sluggers," the executive said. "Because he had an off year, you saw those streaks affect them more."

The Yankees as an organization have focused on hard contact, which is definitely more difficult against the better, high-velocity pitchers, who generally are throwing for teams who go far in the playoffs.

The Yankees' focus on hitting the ball hard shows.

They averaged 89.9 mile per hour exit velocity, tied for second best in the MLB behind the Blue Jays, who averaged 90.3 mph. The Bombers hit the ball hard more consistently than any other team in the big leagues, leading the majors in balls hit over 96 mph at 42.6% of their balls put in play.

According to Statcast, the perfect combination of exit velocity and launch angle," is measured by "barrels," and the Yankees' 6.3% was only good enough for fifth in the majors, behind the Jays, Twins, Red Sox, and the World Series-bound

Where the Yankees really lagged behind was in launch angle. Their average launch angle was 12.5 degrees, according to Statcast, which was tied with the Brewers for 17th in the maiors. The Astros and Braves were in the top 10 in this area.

"This really seemed to hurt LeMahieu," the executive said. "He seemed to hit more groundballs and less line drives this season."

In fact, Aaron Boone hinted at this

when he suggested LeMahieu was hurt by MLB changing the baseballs and, indeed, his launch angle was a dismal 5 degrees this season. And his groundball rate was a brutal 52%, something that can be addressed in the offseason.

That leads to something that really hurt the Yankees this season: the ground balls. The Yankees led the AL this season in grounding into double play with 154, only four behind the Nationals who led all of baseball. They ranked 19th with a 43.4% ground ball rate.

In terms of walks, the Yankees did keep their brand strong. They led MLB with a 10.2% BB-rate, quite comfortably above the Dodgers' 9.8%.

While the Yankees did manage to lead the majors in walks this season with 621, they were free swinging too much of the time.

The Astros also struck out significantly less than the Yankees. Sure, the Rays led the AL in strikeouts and won the AL East, as GM Brian Cashman was quick to point out in his post-mortem on the season last week, but they didn't get out of the first round of the playoffs. Strikeouts are costly in the playoffs and the Yankees struck out 11 times in the AL Wild Card Game loss to the Red Sox.

The Yankees struck out 24.5% of the time and 1,482 times (the sixth most in the majors this season). The Astros struck out at just a 19.4 rate this season. Houston has the second fewest strikeouts total this season in baseball with just 1,212 — only behind the Yankees' emerging division rival Blue Jays.

Sox

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\$8.3 million in 2021, would accept such an offer to return to the Red Sox before testing the market again or whether he'd decline it with the (reasonable) expectation of a multiyear deal, with the Sox or elsewhere.

Why, after Rodriguez's up-and-down season, do members of the industry see it as a virtual certainty that the Sox will make him a qualifying offer? Front offices are well beyond the point of caring about won-loss records, and pay only slightly greater attention to "surface-level stats" such as ERA or opponents' batting average. Those stats can act as funhouse-mirror distortions of a pitcher's actual performance.

Red Sox chief baseball officer Chaim Bloom, after nearly every transaction he's made, has suggested that "looking under the hood" reveals a different impression of a player than his traditional stats.

Front offices will focus far more on the fact that Rodriguez is 28, and should have more productive years in front of him. In his return from a 2020 season lost to myocarditis following a COVID-19 infection, he was healthy enough to pitch 157 1/3 innings, 44th in MLB. While doing so, he posted the highest strikeout rate of his career (28.0 percent) and the lowest walk rate (4.0 percent).

Meanwhile, he would have been justified, on his way off the mound after several starts, to turn to a teammate and whisper, "Et tu, Brute?" Red Sox defensive woes contributed mightily to a .363 batting average on balls in play against him — easily the worst mark in the majors.

While he allowed a .277 average overall, the expected batting average against him (based on exit velocity and launch angle of balls in play) - was .233, according to Baseball Savant. His expected ERA (based on strikeout rate, walk rate, and quality of contact) was 3.55. That xERA (again, calculated by Baseball Savant) was tied with AL Cy Young candidate Robbie Ray of the Blue Jays for eighth-best in

The industry picture of Rodriguez is formed more on his "expected" stats than his actual results, and they suggest a pitcher with mid-rotation ability. A vear ago, Marcus Stroman (who opted out of pitching in 2020) and Kevin Gausman were seen in somewhat similar lights. Both accepted qualifying offers (from the Mets and Giants, respectively), and both are now poised to cash in on lucrative multiyear deals in free agency.

The Rays, meanwhile, declined their \$15 million option on Charlie Morton for 2021, a move that in hindsight seemed to have painful consequences for them in the postseason.

The Sox almost surely will need to add a starter this winter. They will have Nate Eovaldi, Chris Sale, and Nick Pivetta returning, with Tanner Houck and Garrett Whitlock representing potential rotation options.

Series

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Back in the day, batters frequently had no experience against the pitchers they faced in the Series. But with free agency starting after the 1976 season and interleague play in 1997, hitters and pitchers have more frequent personal experience against each other.

Astros manager Dusty Baker thinks each starting pitcher will have the advantage Friday.

"If you've never seen him, you can watch film all you want to, but then until you see his release point," the former All-Star outfielder said.

A quick big hit can change the dvnamic.

"Hank Aaron used to say, if you've never faced a pitcher, you initiate him right away and then kind of kill his spirits," Baker said. "So hopefully, we can initiate him."

Anderson is 1-0 with a 2.25 ERA in

three postseason starts this year and Garcia is 1-1 with a 9.64 ERA. Garcia pitched 5 1/3 scoreless innings in Game 6 against Boston on Oct. 22, when his fastball averaged 96.8 mph, up from 93.3 mph six days earlier after tweaking foot positioning in his delivery.

End of pitchers hitting: Astros pitcher Luis Garcia, 0 for 6 at the plate in his big league career, will borrow a bat from teammate Yordan Álvarez for his trips to the plate in Game 3 of the World Series.

With the game in a National League park, there's no designated hitter.

Major League Baseball and the players' association may extend the DH to the NL starting in 2022, which means this weekend could mark the final big-league plate appearances ever by pitchers — except for anomalies like Los Angeles Angels two-way star Shohei Ohtani and some rare pinchhit appearances in extra innings. The AL has used the DH since 1973, and both leagues used it during the 2020 pandemic-shortened season.

"Once it ever changes to no DH, then it will probably never change back, and that's something that would sadden me," Astros manager Dusty Baker said. Houston's Zack Greinke, who may

start Game 4, is a career .225 hitter with nine home runs in 18 seasons. Atlanta's Max Fried, who didn't bat in Game 2 at the AL city, had five RBIs this season. Notes: Rain wiped out the Astros'

planned batting practice Thursday. The forecast for Friday night called for a 40% chance of rain and a gametime temperature of 51. ... Braves pitcher Charlie Morton went to Green Bay, Wisconsin, to have his broken right fibula examined, and manager Brian Snitker said he doubted the pitcher will be attend Friday night's game. "I think he'll be here before the weekend is over," Snitker said.

Houston's 7-2 win over Atlanta in World Series Game 2 drew 10,539,000 viewers on Fox, Fox Deportes and Fox streaming apps.

CELTICS LATE WEDNESDAY

Harrell helps Washington get past Tatum, Boston, 116-107

Associated Press

BOSTON - Montrezl Harrell scored 25 points on 10-of-13 shooting and had 11 rebounds in the Washington Wizards' 116-107 victory over the Boston Celtics on Wednesday night.

Spencer Dinwiddie added 22 points, and Bradley Beal had 17 for the Wizards. They have opened the season 3-1.

Jayson Tatum had 23 points for Boston, Dennis Schroder added 22, and Robert Williams III had 13 points and 11 rebounds. The Celtics had won back-to-back road games.

Washington center Daniel Gafford had to be helped off the court and was brought straight to the locker room midway into the second quarter and didn't return. The team said he had a right quadriceps contusion, and coach Wes Unseld Jr. didn't have any update

after the game. The 6-foot-10 Gafford collided with Boston forward Jaylen Brown and went to the floor, grabbing his right

leg just out of bounds across from Boston's bench. Brown immediately grabbed his right knee but stayed in the game.

Unlike Boston's home opener when first-year coach Ime Udoka said the Celtics got "punked" after a 32-point loss to Toronto, Boston rallied after falling behind by 15 points midway into the third quarter.

"I think we did a great job of just breathing, slowing it down and figuring our composure out," Washington forward Kyle Kuzma said. "I think once we did that, we did a great job. Obviously those moments are great and its great to have them on the road."

The Wizards led by one midway into the fourth before going on an 8-0 spree, with Aaron Holiday getting three of the four baskets.

Washington had a 10-point edge with 3 ½ minute to go, but Boston cut it to 108-105 on Schroder's 3. Beal and Dinwiddie each had a basket to put

"The second half we had 12 turn-



Celtics forward Jayson Tatum argues a call during the first half against the Wizards on Wednesday in Boston. Tatum scored 23 points in Boston's 116-107 loss. CHARLES KRUPA/AP

overs. I think we paid the price for that," Unseld said. "Understanding how important those possessions are because we're going to find ourselves in a lot of close games. It's important to value the ball and take care of it by, at least, getting a shot to the rim."

Boston trailed 79-64 in the third

"Our intensity and focus wasn't there from the start," Udoka said. You could see it in the first quarter; honestly from shootaround, where I got on them for lack of focus."

Noah: Rose's torn ACL made him feel like 'when I saw the plane hit the tower'

By Stefan Bondy New York Daily News

CHICAGO - There are bad analogies and then there's Joakim Noah comparing a knee injury to the deadliest terrorist attack in American history.

"When I found out Derrick [Rose] tore his ACL, I remember the smells, who I was with, I remember everything," Noah said on an ESPN podcast with host Zach Lowe. "I had the same feeling of when I saw the plane hit the tower [on Sept. 11]."

Noah was referring to Rose's knee giving out during the 2012 playoffs, when the Bulls were seeded first but lost in the first round follow-

ing the devastating injury. It became the end of not only Chicago's opportunity

at a title that year, but also the Bulls' shot at another dynastic run. Rose became injury-prone and the team never again advanced past the second round of the playoffs.

"That was our time," Noah said. "Derrick represented that much hope. Every time he stepped onto the court, we had the most special player in the world. That's a lot of hope to carry on one person."

To be fair to Noah, he was only comparing his emotions and recollections of the two events, not necessarily the magnitude or tragedy of 9/11 to Rose's ACL tear.

But he also knew probably knew the comment would cause waves

"People will be like, 'He's f--king crazy for saying that." Noah said. "No. I'm telling you how I felt."

SCOREBOARD

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Toronto	2	3	.400	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Brooklyn	2	3		1 ½
Boston	2	3	.400	1 ½
SOUTHEAST	w	L	PCT	GB
Charlotte	4	1	.800	_
Miami	3	1	.750	1/2
Washington	3	1	.750	1/2
Atlanta	3	1	.750	1/2
Orlando	1	4	.200	3
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	4	0	1.000	_
Milwaukee	3	2	.600	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Cleveland	3	2	.600	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Indiana	1	4	.200	3 1/2
Detroit	0	3	.000	$3\frac{1}{2}$
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L.A. Clippers **THURSDAY'S RESULTS**Atlanta at Washington, late
Detroit at Philadelphia, late New York at Chicago, late Utah at Houston, late San Antonio at Dallas, late Memphis at Golden State, late

Utah

Denver

Portland

PACIFIC

Golden State

L.A. Lakers

FRIDAY'S GAMES Orlando at Toronto, 7p.m. Charlotte at Miami, 7:30p.m. Indiana at Brooklyn, 7:30p.m Sacramento at New Orleans, 8p.m. Dallas at Denver, 10p.m. L.A. Clippers at Portland, 10p.m.

Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES Boston at Washington, 5p.m. New York at New Orleans, 7p.m. Orlando at Detroit, 7p.m. Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m. Toronto at Indiana, 7:30p.m. Miami at Memphis, 8p.m. San Antonio at Milwaukee, 8p.m. Utah at Chicago, 8p.m. Okla. City at Golden State, 8:30p.m. Denver at Minnesota, 9p.m. Cleveland at Phoenix, 10p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS Charlotte 120, Orlando 111 Miami 106, Brooklyn 93 Toronto 118, Indiana 100 Atlanta 102, New Orleans 99 Washington 116, Boston 107 Minnesota 113, Milwaukee 108 Oklahoma City 123, L.A. Lakers 115 Sacramento 110, Phoenix 107 Portland 116, Memphis 96 Cleveland 92, L.A. Clippers 79

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New England	22	4	7	73	65	40
Nashville	12	4	16	52	53	31
Philadelphia	13	8	11	50	45	34
New York City FC	13	11	8	47	52	34
Orlando City	12	9	11	47	47	47
Atlanta	12	9	10	46	42	35
D.C. United	13	14	5	44	52	50
N.Y. Red Bulls	12	12	7	43	37	32
CF Montréal	11	10	10	43	44	41
Columbus	11	13	8	41	41	44
nter Miami CF	11	16	5	38	34	50
Chicago	9	17	7	34	36	52
Toronto FC	6	17	9	27	37	62
Cincinnati		20	8	20	36	70
VESTERN	W	L	Т	PT	GF	G/
porting KC	17	7	7	58	56	34
Seattle	17	8	7	58	51	31
Colorado	15	7	10	55	45	33
ortland	15	13	4	49	50	51
ancouver	12	9	11	47	43	43
.A Galaxy	13	12	7	46	46	50
Real Salt Lake	13	12	6	45	50	47
∕linnesota United	12	11	9	45	37	40
os Angeles FC	12	12	8	44	50	45
San Jose	9	13	10	37	41	50
Houston	6	14		30	36	51
C Dallas		15		29	44	54
Austin FC	8	19	4	28	31	50

SATURDAY'S MATCHES New York City FC at Miami, 1:30p.m. San Jose at Real Salt Lake, 3:30p.m. CF Montréal at New York, 4p.m. Toronto FC at Atlanta, 6p.m. Columbus at D.C. United, 7:30p.m. Austin FC at FC Dallas, 8p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES Sporting KC at Minnesota, 1p.m. Colorado at Houston, 3p.m Nashville at Orlando City, 4p.m. Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS New England 1, Colorado 0 Atlanta 2. Miami 1 Nashville 6, Cincinnati 3 Columbus 3, Orlando City 2 Philadelphia 2, Toronto FC 2 D.C. United 1, N.Y. Red Bulls 0 New York City FC 1, Chicago 0 Real Salt Lake 2, FC Dallas 1 Sporting Kansas City 2, LA Galaxy 0 Vancouver 2, Minnesota 1 Portland 2. San Jose 0

NWSL CLUB	w	L	т	PT	GF	GA
Portland	13	6	4	43	33	17
Reign FC	12	8	3	39	34	24
Washington	10	7	6	36	28	26
Chicago	10	8	5	35	27	28
Gotham FC	8	5	9	33	27	19
Houston	9	9	5	32	31	30
North Carolina	9	9	5	32	28	23
Orlando	7	9	7	28	27	31
Louisville	5	12	5	20	19	38
Kansas City	3	13	7	16	15	33
Three points for win, one point for tie						

THURSDAY'S RESULT Gotham FC at Louisville, late

FRIDAY'S MATCHES Chicago at Orlando, 7p.m. Reign FC at Kansas City, 8p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCH North Carolina at Portland, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES

Louisville at Gotham FC, 2p.m. Houston at Washington, 2p.m.

FNGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L GF	GA	PT
Chelsea	9	7	1	1 23	3	22
Liverpool	9	6	3	0 27	6	21
Man City	9	6	2	1 20	4	20
West Ham	9	5	2	2 16	10	17
Brighton	9	4	3	2 9	9	15
Tottenham	9	5	0	4 9	13	15
Man United	9	4	2	3 16	15	14
Everton	9	4	2	3 15	14	14
Leicester	9	4	2	3 15	15	14
Arsenal	9	4	2	3 10	13	14
Wolverhampton	9	4	1	4 9	9	13
Brentford	9	3	3	3 11	9	12
Aston Villa	9	3	1	5 13	15	10
Watford	9	3	1	5 12	17	10
Crystal Palace	9	1	6	2 11	14	9
Southampton	9	1	5	3 8	12	8
Leeds	9	1	4	4 8	16	7
Burnley	9	0	4	5 7	15	4
Newcastle	9	0	4	5 11	20	4
Norwich	9	0	2	7 2	23	2

SATURDAY'S MATCHES Leicester vs. Arsenal, 7:30a.m. Burnley vs. Brentford, 10a.m. Liverpool vs. Brighton, 10a.m Man City vs. Crystal Palace, 10a.m. Newcastle vs. Chelsea, 10a.m. Watford vs. Southampton, 10a.m. Tottenham vs. Man United, 12:30p.m.

ATLANTIC	GP		REI L		PTS	GF
Florida	7	7	0	0	14	31
Buffalo	6	4	1	1	9	19
Detroit	7	4	2	1	9	23
Tampa Bay	7	3	3	1	7	21
Toronto	8	3	4	1	7	16
Boston	5	3	2	0	6	15
Ottawa	6	2	4	0	4	15
Montreal	7	1	6	0	2	11
METRO.	GP	W	L	ОТ	PTS	GF
Washington	7	4	0	3	11	28
Carolina	5	5	0	0	10	22
N.Y. Rangers	7	4	2	1	9	15
Pittsburgh	6	3	1	2	8	24
Columbus	6	4	2	0	8	19
Philadelphia	5	3	1	1	7	23
N.Y. Islanders		3	2	1	7	15
New Jersey	5	3	2	0	6	14

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Winnipeg		3	2	1	7	24	22	
Dallas	7	3	3	1	7	14	18	
Nashville		3	4	0	6	20	20	
Colorado		2	4	0	4	16	23	
Chicago	7	0	5	2	2	14	30	
Arizona	6	0	5	1	1	11	30	
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	ОТ	PTS	GF	GA	
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Calgary	6	4	1	1	9	21	15	
San Jose	6	4	2	0	8	20	14	
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Vegas	7	3	4	0	6	16	22	
Seattle	7	2	4	1	5	18	24	
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Arizona at Tampa Bay, late Boston at Carolina, late Calgary at Pittsburgh, late Colorado at St. Louis, late Buffalo at Anaheim, late Minnesota at Seattle, late Philadelphia at Vancouver, late Montreal at San Jose, late Winnipeg at Los Angeles, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES Arizona at Washington, 7p.m. Chicago at Carolina, 7p.m. Columbus at N.Y. Rangers, 7p.m. Florida at Detroit, 7p.m. Anaheim at Vegas, 8p.m. Ottawa at Dallas, 8:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS Detroit 3, Washington 2, OT Florida 4, Boston 1 Toronto 3, Chicago 2, OT Vegas 3, Dallas 2, OT Philadelphia 5, Edmonton 3

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CHAMPIONSHIP	
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Brandon Hagy	33 - 32 - 65	-
Chad Ramey	32 - 33 - 65	-
Vincent Whaley	35-31-66	-
Danny Lee	32 - 35 - 67	-
Garrick Higgo	37-30-67	-
Seamus Power	34 - 33 - 67	-
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	33-34-67	-
David Skinns	33-34-67	-
Justin Lower	34 - 33 - 67	-
Greyson Sigg	33-35-68	-
Austin Eckroat	34-34-68	-
Patrick Rodgers	35-33-68	-
Patrick Reed	34-34-68	-
Dylan Frittelli	35-33-68	-
Seth Reeves	33-36-69	-
Scott Gutschewski	34-35-69	-
Sean O'Hair	37-32-69	-
D.A. Points	34-35-69	-
David Hearn	34-35-69	-
Patrick Flavin	32-37-69	-
Alex Smalley	36-33-69	-
Nick Watney	35-35-70	-
Taylor Pendrith	35-35-70	-
Bo Hoag	33-37-70	-
Peter Malnati	34-36-70	-
Graeme McDowell	35-35-70	-
Arjun Atwal	35-35-70	-
Kramer Hickok	34-36-70	-
Lucas Herbert	35-35-70	-
Brandon Wu	34-36-70	-

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	at Miami	6	(off)	Cha	ırlotte
ı	at Brooklyn	81/2	(224)	Ir	idiana
	Sacramento	2	(220) a	t New C	rleans
	at Denver	off	(off)		Dallas
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	at LA Lakers	off	(off)	Clev	<i>i</i> elanc
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FAVORITE	LIME	UNDE		LINE
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at NY Rangers	-167	Colum	ıbus	+142
at Washington	-293	Arizor	ıa	+233
at Carolina	-198	Chicag	go	+162
at Vegas	-274	Anahe	im	+218
at Dallas	-174	Ottaw	a	+146
COLLEGE FO	OTR/	M	FRI	DAY
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at Tulsa	11	(47)		Navy
at Nevada	201/2	(58)		UNLV
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UCF	101/2	(52)	at Temple
at Maryland	51/2	$(49\frac{1}{2})$	Indiana
Rutgers	11/2	(42)	at Illinois
at Wisconsin	31/2	$(36\frac{1}{2})$	Iowa
at Buffalo	131/2	(511/2)	Bowl. Green
at Baylor	3	(611/2)	Texas
at Ga. Tech	41/2	(551/2)	Va. Tech
at Liberty	36	(571/2)	
at Pittsburgh	9	(61)	Miami
Iowa State	7		at W. Virginia
at Rice	21/2		North Texas
at Arizona St.	16	(53)	Wash. St.
Missouri	16		at Vanderbilt
at Utah State	51/2	(65)	Hawaii
at Nebraska	71/2	(521/2)	Purdue
Minnesota	71/2		atN'thwestern
at Oregon	24	(49)	Colorado
at Oklahoma	191/2		
at Kansas St.	31/2	(581/2)	
at Appal. St.	27	(571/2)	
at Syracuse	61/2	(50)	Bosto Coll.
at Clemson	91/2	(471/2)	
at Marshall	211/2	(641/2)	
at Md. Tenn.	131/2		So. Miss.
La. Tech	41/2	(521/2)	
Georgia at Wake Forest	14	(51) (70)	at Florida Duke
at San Jose St.		(41)	Wyoming
at W. Kentucky			Charlotte
at S. Alabama	9		Arkansas St.
at FAU	11	(471/2)	UTEP
Georgia St.	6	(56)	at Ga. So.
at Houston	1	(62)	SMU
Oregon St.	11/2		at California
at Oklahom St.		(541/2)	
at USC	21	(561/2)	
at Auburn	3	(66)	
Kentucky	11/2	(47)	at Miss St.
Boise St.	21/2		at Colorado St.
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at NC State	61/2	(57)	Louisville
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at Stanford	21/2	(48)	Washington
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NFL WEEK 8			SUNDAY
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Cincinnati	101/2	(43)	at NY Jets
at Indanapolis	11/2	(51)	Tennessee
LA Rams	141/2	(471/2)	at Houston
at Cleveland	31/2	$(42\frac{1}{2})$	
Philadelphia	31/2	(48)	
San Francisco	4	$(39\frac{1}{2})$	at Chicago
at Atlanta	3		Carolina
at Buffalo	14	(481/2)	
at LA Chargers	5		New England
at Seattle	31/2	(44)	Jacksonville
at Denver	3		Washington
Tampa Bay	41/2		t New Orleans
Dallas	11/2	(55)	at Minnesota
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at Kansas City			NY Giants
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67, Dallas at New England 10/17	Cincinnati (7-0) at Tulane (1-
58, Tampa Bay vs. Miami 10/10	Northwestern State (1-6) at
51, New England vs. New York 10/24	(3-4), 1p.m.
32, Tennessee at Seattle 9/19	Gardner-Webb (3-4) at Kenn
EWEST TOTAL YARDS	(6-1), 1p.m.
7, Chicago at Cleveland 9/26	Stetson (3-4) at Presbyterian (
09, Houston at Buffalo 10/3	Monmouth (NJ) (4-3) at NC A&T
28, New Orleans at Carolina 9/19	Campbell (3-4) at Chas So. (2
	Samford (3-4) at VMI (5-2), 1
IOST RUSHING YARDS	W. Carolina (1-6) at Wofford (1-6
51, Baltimore vs. Kansas City 9/20	Furman (4-3) at Chattanooga (4
45, Dallas vs. Carolina 10/3	Mercer (5-2) at The Citadel (
30, Cleveland at Los Angeles 10/10	Elon (4-3) at James Madison (6-
16, Arizona at Los Angeles 10/3	Central Arkansas (3-4) at
15, Cleveland vs. Chicago 9/26	Jacksonville State (3-4), 2p
	Davidson (5-1) at Morehead St.

432, Tampa Bay at Los Angeles 9/26

PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED 4. Houston at Buffalo 10/3

FIRST DOWNS 33, Tennessee at Seattle 9/19 33, Kansas City vs. Los Angeles 9/26 33, Tampa Bay vs. Miami 10/10 TIME OF POSSESSION 42:33. Tennessee vs. Seattle 9/19

Thursday at Wiener Stadthalle, Vienna, indoors-hardcourt MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16

#6 Felix Auger-Aliassime d. Cameron Norrie, 2-6, 7-6(6), 6-4. #7 Jannik Sinner d. Dennis Novak. #8 Diego Schwartzman d. Gael Monfils, 7-6(5), 4-6, 6-2.

ATP ST. PETERSBURG OPEN

#5 Taylor Fritz d. Tommy Paul, 7-6(3), 6-4. 6-3, 6-2,

WTA COURMAYEUR LADIES OPEN Thursday at Courmayeur Sport Center, Courmayeur, Italy, indoor-hardcourt

Xinyu Wang d. #8 Zhang Shuai, 7-6 (5), 6-4 #9 Ann Li d. Magdalena Frech, 5-7, 6-3, 6-1. Donna Vekic d. Zheng Saisai, 6-3, 6-4.

#2 Anett Kontaveit d. Alison Van Uytvanck, 6-3, 6-4. #3 Emma Raducanu d. Ana Bogdan,

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LATE WEDNESDAY: HOUSTON 7, ATLANTA 2 **WORLD SERIES SCHEDULE** Atlanta

Atlanta

Oct. 26: G1 Atlanta 6-2 Oct. 28: G2 Houston 7-2 Friday: G3 at Atlanta, 8:09 p.m. Saturday: G4 at Atlanta, 8:09 p.m. Sunday: G5 at Atlanta, 8:15 p.m. x-Tuesday: G6 at Houston, 8:09 p.m. x-Wednesday: G7 at Houston, 8:09 p.m. (x-if necessary, all games on Fox)

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WORLD SERIES

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EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	P
Buffalo	4	2	0	.667	203	9
New England		4	0	.429		
N.Y. Jets	1	5	0	.167		
Miami	1	6	0	.143	127	20
SOUTH	W	L	Т	PCT	PF	P
Tennessee	5	2	0	.714	193	16
Indianapolis	3	4	0	.429	169	14
Jacksonville	1	5	0	.167	116	17
Houston	1	6	0	.143	97	20
NORTH	W	L	Т	PCT	PF	P
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	187	16
Cincinnati	5	2	0	.714	189	12
Cleveland	4	3	0	.571	173	16
Pittsburgh	3	3	0	.500	117	13
WEST	W	L	Т	PCT	PF	P
Las Vegas	5	2	0	.714	180	16
L.A. Chargers	4	2	0	.667	148	15
Denver	3	4	0	.429	140	12
Kansas City	3	4	0	.429	188	20

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EAST	w	<u>r</u>	T	PCT	PF	PA
Dallas	5	1	0	.833	205	146
N.Y. Giants	2	5	0	.286	139	180
Philadelphia	2	5	0	.286	159	185
Washington	2	5	0	.286	146	210
SOUTH	W	L	Т	PCT	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	6	1	0	.857	233	147
New Orleans	4	2	0	.667	140	101
Atlanta	3	3	0	.500	135	176
Carolina	3	4	0	.429	146	146
NORTH	W	L	Т	PCT	PF	PA
Green Bay	6	1	0	.857	168	146
Minnesota	3	3	0	.500	147	137
Chicago	3	4	0	.429	101	162
Detroit	0	7	0	.000	128	200
WEST	W	L	Т	PCT	PF	PA
Arizona	7	0	0	1.000	225	114
L.A. Rams	6	1	0	.857	207	146
San Francisco	2	4	0	.333	135	149
Seattle	2	5	0	.286	150	162

WEEK 8 THURSDAY'S GAME Green Bay at Arizona, 8:20p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES Carolina at Atlanta, 1p.m. Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, 1p.m. L.A. Rams at Houston, 1p.m. Miami at Buffalo, 1p.m. Philadelphia at Detroit, 1p.m. Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1p.m. San Francisco at Chicago, 1p.m. Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1p.m. Jacksonville at Seattle, 4:05p.m. New England at L.A. Chargers, 4:05p.m. Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 4:25p.m. Washington at Denver, 4:25p.m. Dallas at Minnesota, 8:20p.m.

MONDAY'S GAME Y. Giants at Kansas City, 8:15p.m.

Off: Baltimore, Las Vegas **TEAM GAME HIGHS. LOWS**

MOST POINTS 54, New England vs. NY Jets 10/24 48, Tampa Bay vs. Atlanta 9/19 47, L.A. Chargers vs. Cleveland 10/10 45, Tampa Bay vs. Miami 10/10 44, Dallas vs. New York 10/10

FEWEST POINTS
0, Houston at Buffalo 10/3 0. N.Y. Jets at Denver 9/26 0, Miami vs. Buffalo 9/19 3, Chicago at Tampa Bay 10/24 3. Carolina at New York 10/24 3, Kansas City at Tennessee 10/24 3, Houston at Indianapolis 10/17 3, Green Bay at New Orleans 9/12

MOST TOTAL YARDS 571. Minnesota at Carolina 10/17 558 553 **FE** 47, 109

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MOST NET PASSING YARDS 452, Tampa Bay vs. Miami 10/10 445. Dallas at New England 10/17 442, Baltimore vs. Indianapolis 10/12 435. Las Vegas vs. Baltimore 9/14

TIMES SACKED BY OPPONENT 4. N.Y. Jets vs. New England 9/19

TURNOVERS

5, Houston at Buffalo 10/3 5, Chicago at Tampa Bay 10/24

ATP ERSTE BANK OPEN

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#2 Alexander Zverev d. Alex de Minaur. 6-2, 3-6, 6-2. #4 Casper Ruud d. Lorenzo Sonego, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4,

Thursday at Sibur Arena, St. Peters burg. Russia. indoors-hardcourt MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16 #3 Roberto Bautista Agut d. Mackenzie McDonald, 6-3, 6-2,

Marin Cilic d. #6 Karen Khachanov. 6-4, 6-7(1), 6-4. John Millman d. #4 Aslan Karatsev, Botic van de Zandschulp d. #8 Sebastian Korda, 6-2, 7-5.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16 #7 Jasmine Paolini d. Lucrezia Stefanini, 6-4, 7-5.

WTA TRANSYLVANIA OPEN Thursday in Cluj-Napoca, Ro indoors-harcourt WOMEN'S SINGLES, SECOND ROUND #1 Simona Halep d. Varvara Gracheva,

#6 Marta Kostyuk d. Mona Barthel, 6-4, 6-4. Rebecca Peterson d. Irina Bara, 6-0, 6-3.

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010 010 000 - 2 7 2 140 001 10x - 7 9 0 Houston E: Rosario (1), Albies (1). LOB: Atlanta 7, Houston 6. 2B: Soler (1), Altuve (1), 7, Houston 6. 25: Soler (1), Altuve (1), Brantley (2). HR: d'Arnaud (1), off Urquidy; Altuve (1), off Smyly.
RBIs: d'Arnaud (1), Freeman (2), Bregman (1), Siri (1), Maldonado (1), Brantley (1), Gurriel (1), Altuve (1). SB: Gurriel (1), Tucker (1).

SF: Bregman.
Runners left in scoring position: Atlanta 2(Soler, Duvall): Houston 4 (Maldonado 2, Gurriel 2). **RISP:** Atlanta 1for 5; Houston 3for 12. **Runners moved** un: Rosario, Brantley, Correa.

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ATLANTA	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	ERA
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Lee	2/3	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Chavez	1/3	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Smyly Wright	1	0	1	1	1	1	9.00
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HOUSTON	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Urquidy, W, 1-0	5	6	2	2	0	7	3.60
Javier, H, 1	11/3		0		1	2	0.00
Maton	2/3	0		0	0	0	0.00
Pressly	1	0	0	0	1	2	0.00
Graveman	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Inherited runners-scored: Lee 2-1,							
Chavez 2-0, Maton 1-0. HBP: Smyly							
(Alvarez). WP: Fried, Smyly, Urquidy.							
Umpires: HP, Ron Kulpa; 1B, Dan Bell-							
ino; 2B, Ted Barrett; 3B, Mike Much-							
linski: RF. Chris Conrov: LF. Alfonso							
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

THURSDAY'S RESULTS Troy (4-3) at Co. Carolina (6-1), late S. Florida (2-5) at E. Carolina (3-4), late

FRIDAY'S GAMES Princeton (6-0) at Cornell (1-5), 7p.m. Navy (1-6) at Tulsa (3-4), 7:30p.m. UNLV (0-7) at Nevada (5-2), 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Holy Cross (5-2) at Lehigh (0-7), noon Indiana (2-5) at Maryland (4-3), noon Dartmouth (5-1) at Harvard (5-1), noon Bowl. Green (2-6) at Buffalo (4-4), noon Miami (3-4) at Pittsburgh (6-1), noon Hampton (3-4) at Rbt. Morris (2-4), noon UCF (4-3) at Temple (3-4), noon Columbia (5-1) at Yale (3-3), noon Lafayette (2-5) at Georgetown (2-4), 12:30 p.m. Dixie St. (0-7) at Delaware (3-4), 1 p.m. Richmond (2-5) at New Hamp. (3-4), 1 p.m. CCSU (1-6) at Merrimack (4-3), 1p.m. Wagner (0-7) at LIU Brooklyn (1-5), 1 p.m. Bucknell (1-6) at Colgate (2-6), 1p.m. Brown (2-4) at Penn (2-4), 1p.m. Wm & Mary (5-2) at Villanova (6-1), 1 p.m. Maine (3-4) at Rhode Island (5-2), 1p.m. lowa St. (5-2) at West Virginia (3-4), 2 p.m. Albany (NY) (0-7) at Towson (3-4), 2 p.m. Howard (2-5) at Delaware St. (3-4), 2 p.m. St Francis (Pa) (3-4) at Duquesne (4-2), 3 p.m. FIU (1-6) at Marshall (4-3), 3:30 p.m. Bos. Coll. (4-3) at Syracuse (4-4), 3:30 p.m.

South UMass (1-6) at Liberty (6-2), noon Va. Tech (3-4) at Ga. Tech (3-4), noon Texas St. (2-5) at La.-Lafayette (6-1), noon Nicholls nesaw State

(2-5), 1 p.m. T (3-4), 1 p.m. (2-4), 1p.m. -6), 1:30 p.m. 4-3), 1:30 p.m. (2-5), 2p.m. -1), 2 p.m.

!p.m. t. (5-2), 2 p.m. Morgan St. (0-7) at Norfolk St. (5-2), 2 p.m. SC State (3-4) at NC Central (3-4), 2p.m. Lamar (2-5) at E. Kentucky (5-2), 2p.m. Missouri (3-4) at Vanderbilt (2-6), 3p.m. Austin Peav (3-4) at UT Martin (6-1), 3 p.m. Florida St. (3-4) at Clemson (4-3), 3:30 p.m. Georgia (7-0) vs. Florida (4-3) in

Jacksonville, Fla., 3:30n.m. La. Tech (2-5) at Old Dom. (1-6), 3:30 p.m. La-Monroe (4-3) at Appalachian State

(5-2), 3:30 p.m. Alabama A&M (3-3) vs. Alabama St. (3-3) at Birmingham, Ala., 3:30p.m. So. Miss. (1-6) at MTSU (3-4), 3:30p.m. Charlotte (4-3) at W. Ky. (3-4), 4p.m. Jackson St. (6-1) at MVSU (2-5), 4p.m. Grambling (3-4) at Fla. A&M (5-2), 4 p.m. Duke (3-4) at Wake Forest (7-0), 4 p.m. Ark. St. (1-6) at S. Alabama (4-3), 5p.m. Murray St. (3-4) at Tenn. St. (4-3), 6p.m. UTEP (6-1) at FAU (4-3), 6p.m. Ga. St. (3-4) at Ga. Southern (2-5), 6 p.m. Mississippi (6-1) at Auburn (5-2), 7p.m. Kentucky (6-1) at Mississippi St. (4-3), 7 p.m. McNeese St. (3-4) at SE La. (6-1), 7 p.m. Alcorn St. (5-2) at Southern U. (3-4), 7 p.m. Louisville (4-3) at NC State (5-2), 7:30 p.m.

Rutgers (3-4) at Illinois (3-5), noon Michigan (7-0) at Michigan St. (7-0), noon lowa (6-1) at Wisconsin (4-3), noon Butler (2-6) at Dayton (3-4), 1p.m. Marist (3-3) at St. Thomas (4-2), 2p.m. E. Illinois (1-7) at SE Missouri (2-6), 2 p.m. South Dakota State (5-2) at

Youngstown State (2-4), 2p.m. North Dakota (3-4) at Missouri State (4-3), 3p.m. Minnesota (5-2) at Northwestern (3-4),

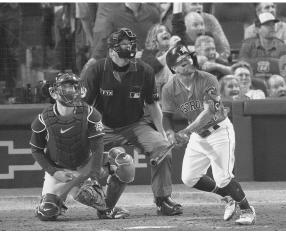
TCU (3-4) at Kansas St. (4-3), 3:30p.m. Ind. St. (4-4) at N. Dak. St. (7-0), 3:30 p.m.

Purdue (4-3) at Nebraska (3-5), 3:30 p.m. Illinois St. (3-4) at W. Illinois (1-7), 4 p.m. S. Illinois (6-1) at N. Iowa (4-3), 5p.m. N. Carolina (4-3) at Notre Dame (6-1), 7:30 p.m. Penn St. (5-2) at Ohio St. (6-1), 7:30p.m. Southwest Texas (4-3) at Baylor (6-1), Noon

North Texas (1-6) at Rice (3-4), 2p.m. UAPB (1-6) at Tex. Southern (2-5), 3p.m. Tex. Tech (5-3) at Oklahoma (8-0), 3:30 p.m. Houston Baptist (0-7) at Incarnate Word (5-2), 4p.m. Abilene Christian (4-3) at Stephen F. Austin (4-3), 5 p.m. Sam Houston State (6-0) at Tarleton State (4-3), 7p.m.

Kansas (1-6) at Oklahoma St. (6-1), 7 p.m. SMU (7-0) at Houston (6-1), 7p.m.

S IItah (1-7) at Montana (5-2), 2p.m. S. Utah (1-7) at Montana (5-2), 2p.m. Hawaii (4-4) at Utah St. (5-2), 3p.m. Washington St. (4-4) at Arizona St. (5-2), 3 p.m. Weber St. (3-4) at Idaho St. (1-6), 3p.m. Sacramento St. (5-2) at N. Colorado (3-5), 3p.m. Colorado (2-5) at Oregon (6-1), 3:30 p.m. Wyoming (4-3) at San Jose St. (4-4), 4 p.m. Valparaiso (2-5) at San Diego (4-4), 4 p.m. N. Arizona (3-4) at Idaho (2-5), 4 p.m. Cal Debt (1-6) at Debt Jose (5-7), 4 p.m. Cal Poly (1-6) at Portland St. (3-4), 5:05 p.m. Arizona (0-7) at Southern Cal (3-4), 7 p.m. Oregon St. (5-2) at California (2-5), 7 p.m. Boise St. (3-4) at Colorado St. (3-4), 7 p.m. UCLA (5-3) at Utah (4-3), 10p.m. Virginia (6-2) at BYU (6-2), 10:15p.m. Fresno State (6-2) at San Diego State (7-0), 10:30p.m.



Jose Altuve watches his homer during the Astros' win over the Braves in Game 2 of the World Series on Wednesday night in Houston. The series is tied 1-1. SUE OGROCKI/AP

WORLD SERIES

Altuve rises to the occasion

By Ben Walker Associated Press

ATLANTA - His day on the diamond almost done. Jose Altuve walked over to a clutch of Astros fans clustered behind the netting down the right field line at Minute Maid Park.

For five minutes, he autographed World Series programs, No. 27 jerseys and other items, many of them for kids. A young girl got a ball with Altuve's signature and joyfully turned to her mother.

"I'm about to cry," the mom said.

Altuve's team liked the signs they saw from him earlier in the evening, too. In a Fall Classic devoid

of drama so far, the big-swinging leadoff man is among the few stars to deliver any huge hits.

Bouncing back from the first three-strikeout game of his postseason career, plus a prolonged slump in the AL Championship Series, Altuve homered and doubled as the Astros beat the Braves 7-2 on Wednesday night, tying the matchup at 1-1.

But teammates Carlos Correa, Alex Bregman and ALCS MVP Yordan Alvarez have been mostly silent. Freddie Freeman, Austin Riley and NLCS MVP Eddie Rosario haven't done much damage for the Braves.

"You can be 0-for-20, but what about if you get the big hit? So that's what playoffs is about," Altuve said. "I don't care if I went 0-for-5 last night."

As Astros manager Dusty Baker said: "My dad used to tell me it's OK to get down, just don't stay down. So he didn't." After a day off, they'll

play Game 3 Friday night at Truist Park when Luis Garcia is set to pitch for the Astros against Ian Anderson. Both threw well in the games their teams won to clinch these spots.

It will be the first World Series pairing of rookie starters since the 2006

At 23, Anderson is already an October veteran. He's made seven postseason starts in two years, going 3-0 with a

1.47 ERA. "I'm excited to work with Ian for Game 3. He's going to be ready to go. He gets to pitch at home," said Braves catcher Travis d'Arnaud, who homered Wednesday night.

The Braves are 5-0 at home these playoffs.

"The atmosphere is awesome. Like I say, Braves country is real. It's real," manager Brian Snitker said. "That's why I think it was so important to split here. I mean, realistically, you want to win two, but if you can split and get out of here and go home where we've been really good,

that's a very positive." Altuve helped the Astros earn their split. A postseason perennial, the All-Star second baseman pushed aside a 3-for-24 skid in the ALCS and a hitless opener

against the Braves. Altuve tied former Yankee Bernie Williams for second on the career postseason home run list with 22, trailing only the 29 by Manny Ramirez.

To Baker, there was nothing surprising about Altuve's performance. And he figures the other Astros infielders - Correa, Bregman and Yuli Gurriel -

also will play key roles. "They expect good things to happen and they expect to play well. I found that out last year," Baker

AP freelance writer Joshua Koch contributed to this report.

IN BRIEF

Melvin leaves A's, takes job as Padres manager

News services

The Padres hired Bob Melvin from the A's as their new manager, according to reports Thursday night.

The 60-year-old Melvin will receive a three-year deal. Financial details weren't yet available.

Melvin replaces Jayce Tingler, who was fired Oct. 6 after a second-half collapse dropped the Padres from a solid grip on the NL's second wild card spot to finishing with a losing record for the 10th time in 11 seasons.

The hiring of Melvin is a complete 180 for GM A.J. Preller, whose previous two managerial hires had no experience as a big league skipper. Melvin comes into the

job with 18 seasons of big-league managerial experience and a 1,346-1,272 record with the A's, Mariners and Diamondbacks. He has been named manager of the year three times.

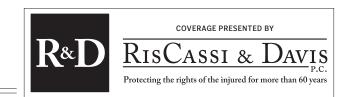
This year, Melvin became the winningest manager in A's history, but the club missed the playoffs following three straight postseason berths. Melvin was 853-764 with

The A's had picked up Melvin's contract option for next season, but still allowed him to interview for the Padres job.

Golf: Brandon Hagy and Chad Ramey each shot an opening-round 6-under 65 to share a one-stroke lead when play was halted due to darkness at the PGA Tour's Bermuda Championship in Southampton.

NHL: Panthers coach

Joel Quenneville met with commissioner Gary Bettman concerning his involvement in the Blackhawks' sexual abuse case while he was coach of the team. Panthers president Matt Caldwell and GM Bill Zito were also at the meeting. ... Capitals F T.J. Oshie is week to week with a lower-body injury. Oshie took a shot off his right foot during the Caps' loss to the Red Wings on Wednesday. He limped to the bench, but returned and finished the game. ... Wild Fs Mats Zuccarello and Rem Pitlick entered the NHL's COVID-19 protocol. Zuccarello is the Wild's leading scorer.



HURRICANES 3, BRUINS 0

Andersen sends Carolina to franchise-best 6-0-0 start

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. - Frederik Andersen made 33 saves for his first shutout with Carolina, giving the Hurricanes their best six-game start in franchise history with a 3-0 win over the Boston Bruins on Thursday night.

The Hurricanes are 6-0-0 — an opening streak that's one game

longer than two seasons ago. They've also only used Andersen in goal this season. He became the seventh goalie in NHL history to win each of his team's first six games of

Tony DeAngelo and Nino Niederreiter scored for the Hurricanes, and Andrei Svechnikov added an empty-

The Bruins lost to an unbeaten

team for the second night in a row after falling 4-1 to the Florida Panthers a night earlier in the start of a two-game road trip.

Bruins goalie Jeremy Swayman stopped 21 shots.

The Hurricanes killed all three of Boston's third-period power plays, including 61 seconds of a two-man advantage

DeAngelo, who was signed in the

offseason, recorded his first goal with the Hurricanes.

Niederreiter's goal came 18 seconds into a second-period power play. He made a pass toward the crease, with the puck bouncing off Boston defenseman Derek Forbort.

That goal included an assist for Andersen for his first point of the season and the 10th point of his NHL

DeAngelo's goal was the first goal by a Carolina defenseman this season.

Brady Skjei, who had been his teammate from 2017-20 with the New York Rangers, was credited with an assist.

The Bruins posted at least three goals in each of their first four games. They've been held to just one goal on 64 shots the past two games.

JETS

Saleh's defense needs to step up

By DJ Bien-Aime II New York Daily News

FLORHAM PARK. N.J. — Early in the season, the Jets defense made the team competitive as the offense was figuring out its first-half woes.

But recently opposing offenses have shredded that defense. In the past two games the Jets have allowed 551 yards to the Patriots and 450 to the Falcons. Neither of those teams has a top-10 offense

Coach Robert Saleh pinpointed the struggles at the line of scrimmage as the reason the Jets defense has slipped.

"It starts up front," Saleh said. "It'll always start up front. We got to dominate the line of scrimmage.

"And then from there, we just got to keep our feet in the ground and play fast. It really is that simple. It's win one-on-one battles, pressure the quarterback [and] win in the run game."

The next team coming into New Jersey is the Bengals, and their offense is prolific. They're averaging 27 points per game, seventh-most in the NFL, and they're led by a budding star at quarterback.

Joe Burrow is balling right now, completing 68% of his passes for 1,956 yards with 17 touchdowns. Both rank top six in the NFL. Last week Burrow threw for 416 yards with three touchdowns in the Bengals' 41-17 domination of the Ravens.

They also have a strong running game with running back Joe Mixon, who's third in the NFL in rushing yards with 539.

Slowing that dynamic offense starts with the front seven.

The Jets' talented defensive line hasn't played up to its standards in the last two weeks as the Falcons and Patriots both rushed for over 100 vards.



The Patriots have signed veteran cornerback De'Vante Bausby to the team's practice squad. RON SCHWANE/AP

PATRIOTS NOTES

Work to patch up the secondary continues

By Jim McBride Boston Globe

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The Patriots are trying to corner the market on rein-

A lot has changed in the New England secondary over the last few weeks with two of the club's top four cornerbacks, Stephon Gilmore (traded) and Jonathan Jones (shoulder surgery), now out of the picture.

The team elevated Myles Bryant to the active roster last week and signed a pair of veterans, Brian Poole and De'Vante Bausby, to the practice squad. In addition, rookie Shaun Wade returned to practice Wednesday after recovering from a concussion.

Jalen Mills, who has started six games as a perimeter corner opposite J.C. Jackson, said the club will miss Jones, one of the squad's veteran tone setters on defense.

"J-Jones was actually one of the guys. that helped me out with the playbook [during OTAs], being a vocal guy in the meeting room when guys have questions about certain coverages, how we play certain things," Mills said Thursday. "But he showed up to meetings [Wednesday], kind of poked his head in and said a couple of words. He's definitely one of those guys who's been in this system and knows the ins and outs."

Coincidentally, Mills has a connection to the new cornerbacks. He worked out with the same trainer as Wade in Dallas and got to know the rookie as he was preparing for his pro day.

"Bausby was a guy I played with in Philadelphia and then Poole was a guy I've known coming out of Florida and then being in Atlanta, so, I think the guys that we brought in and the addition of Shaun coming back, I think we've got some good, nice pieces," said Mills.

Mills said he believes the 6-foot-1-inch, 191-pound Wade is a perfect fit and pointed to his background at Ohio State and his style of play.

Dream flight: Matthew Judon enjoys flying. With a cross-country trip to Los Angeles on Friday's itinerary, he has just one thing on the docket: Sleep.

"I'll be asleep before the plane takes off, that's kind of how I've always been," Judon said. "So, I'll sleep, but flights like that you have to make sure you get up, walk around, drink enough fluids, and go back to sleep." The first-year Patriots linebacker has

also been a frequent flyer when it comes to taking the podium to meet with reporters this season. Judon takes questions during the week and also after every game.

With no open locker rooms for the second straight season because of pandemic protocols, players aren't required to meet with reporters every week. Judon, however, has made the trip twice a week all season.

He's been both insightful and hilarious during his chats and Thursday he opened up about why he keeps answering the

"Honestly, I think y'all keep it fair," Judon said. "Y'all report on what y'all see. Y'all don't really make stuff up up. If it's something unknown, y'all ask. If we don't give y'all a straightforward answer, y'all kind of don't just make stuff up. That's what you want in a player-reporter relationship. So, I think coming up here every week, before a game, after a game, no matter the outcome of the game and just being honest, and y'all telling an honest story, I think that's what helps our relationship and actually, like, me wanting to come up here."

Perfect attendance: The Patriots were back in the great outdoors for practice Thursday and once again had all the players on the active roster and practice squad in attendance. It was the first real practice with a fall-feel with temperatures in the mid 40s and chilly breeze.

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the rink every day. It's been everything I expected and more. I think of my teammates and coaches as my second family, it's a second home for me."

The Huskies have beaten LIU twice, RIT twice, and in conference play, Maine, 1-0, and Merrimack 5-3 and 3-2. There's a long way to go and a long way to climb to challenge four-time champ Northeastern.

"Why can't we?" MacKenzie asked. "I think the mentality is we can compete with anybody we play against every night. It doesn't matter who it is. I couldn't have said that five or six or seven years ago, but now we're talented enough that we have an opportunity to beat any team we play."

MacKenzie, who has

coached both men and women, took over the program in 2013 and has had success recruiting players in his native Canada, finding players from far away who had UConn at the top of their list.

"They're all bought in," he said. "There isn't a single player who isn't here for the right reason. We try as coaches to create an environment that's fun, but demanding. ... They're a group of people you want to see every day. I don't know how many coaches they like seeing their players every day, every one of them. I like seeing them every day."

In 2016, MacKenzie landed Snodgrass, one of the best high school players in Minnesota, after her older sister, Emily, had played for

"She's the best player that's played here," MacK-

enzie said, "in the 20 years the program has existed."

In 139 games, Natalie Snodgrass has 61 goals and 56 assists.

"The goal I had was, I wanted to leave my mark, leave a legacy," she said. "It doesn't really matter with points. I hope that my time here can put UConn on the map as a hockey school and help attract more younger players to come out East."

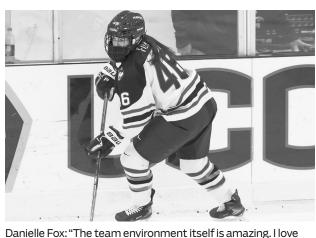
Harkness, from Ottawa, has five goals and two assists, and Fox. from the Toronto area, has three and three. Summer-Rae Dobson scored the game-winner against Merrimack on Oct. 22. Goalie Samantha Carpentier-Yelle made 17 saves in the shutout of Maine, and stopped 54 of 59 shots in the two wins over Merrimack.

"Amy Landry has really been solid," MacKenzie said. "She's a junior and she has taken a step forward. Chloe Gonsalves, transfer from Providence, she's got a great personality, big-time competitor. Coryn Tormala goes under the radar, she's a junior, plays on the power play, does a lot of good things."

As the group finished up practice Thursday, MacKenzie gave his last instructions for Merrimack and Vermont, the next two critical games for the sake of the standings, and the spray tan challenge.

"I think we're a really tight-knit group of girls," Harkness said, "and the coaches make the environment really good as well. It's always fun to be at the rink and when we're having fun we're playing well and I think that shows in our record right now."

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coming to the rink every day." STEPHEN SLADE/UCONN

GIANTS

Owners Tisch, Mara silent as NFL trade deadline nears

By Pat Leonard New York Daily News

NEW YORK -Steve Tisch resisted four separate overtures from the New York Daily News in Midtown Manhat-

"Not today," Tisch said, without breaking stride, on his final walk through the InterContinental New York Barclay hotel on Wednesday afternoon.

tan this week for comment on his 2-5

John Mara also declined comment on his way in on Wednesday morning and found a back stairwell on the way out.

He might have been bracing for ESPN's story on a tense Tuesday owners meeting that saw Mara, among others, unhappy with the Rams' Stan Kroenke.

Kroenke might be trying back out of his promise to cover millions in legal fees in the City of St. Louis' relocation lawsuit against the NFL.

"Mara spoke next and said that Kroenke's change in position was ridiculous, and that if Kroenke had not agreed to indemnify the league, the owners wouldn't have voted for him to move," the story by Seth Wickersham

read. "He said anyone who was in the room in Houston when the vote was taken would know that."

One would think the Giants' co-owners would prefer to talk about their team over that St. Louis mess, but that wasn't the case this week.

So as Tuesday's trade deadline approaches, the big questions remain unanswered:

Do Mara and Tisch still think this year's team can compete for a playoff berth? Are they considering retaining Dave Gettleman as GM through this

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game of the Battle 4 Atlantis tournament next month in the Bahamas.

2022 Katrina **McClain Award** candidates*

NaLyssa Smith (Baylor) Lauren Gustin (BYU) Lorela Cubaj (Georgia Tech) Maddi Utti (Long Beach St.) Olivia Cochran (Louisville) Naz Hillmon (Michigan) Sam Brunelle (Notre Dame) Nyara Sabally (Oregon)

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*Players can play their way onto and off the list at any point in the 2021-22 season

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Overall, Halloween ranks as the third deadliest day of the year for pedestrians, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Data.

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NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Lawsuit: Cannot be two 'Guardians'

A roller derby team that has called itself the Cleveland Guardians since 2013 sued the city's Major League Baseball team in federal court in Cleveland on Wednesday alleging that the switch from Indians to Guardians infringes on its trademark. "A Major League club cannot simply take a smaller team's name and use it for itself," the lawsuit said. "There cannot be two 'Cleveland Guardians' teams in Cleveland, and, to be blunt, Plaintiff was here first." The Indians announced in July that it would assume the name Guardians for the 2022 season after years of criticism that the Indians name and Chief Wahoo logo were racist. The new name, the team has said, was influenced in part by the two large art deco statues that appear to stand guard on a bridge spanning the Cuyahoga River. The all gender roller derby team is based in the Cleveland suburb of Parma. It formally registered the name Cleveland Guardians in 2017 with the Ohio secretary of state and has been selling team merchandise since 2014, the lawsuit said. In a statement Wednesday, the Indians said, "We have been and continue to be confident in our position to become the Guardians. We believe there is no conflict between the parties and their ability to operate in their respective business areas."

Mahomes says he needs 'to be better'

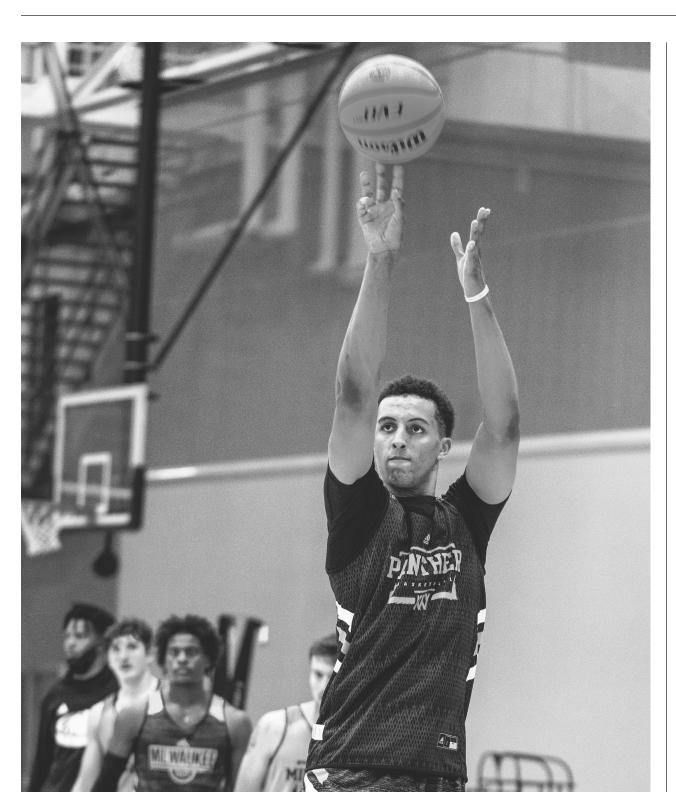


Turn on the TV or listen to talk radio and just about everyone has an opinion on why Patrick Mahomes is playing so poorly. He's a sleep-deprived new dad who spent too much time doing commercials and endorsements in the offseason. He was galivanting around the world, popping up in exotic locales

or at celebrity golf tournaments, rather than spending long days poring over game film or studying the playbook in the wake of an embarrassing Super Bowl loss. The biggest reasons? They might be a whole lot simpler. The offensive line protecting Mahomes has been entirely rebuilt after the fiasco in Tampa, and three of the starters in Week 1 had never played a regular-season game. The playmakers surrounding Mahomes aren't as potent, the schedule the first seven weeks has been brutal and the only luck he's had so far has been bad. Not that Mahomes is wiling to lay the blame on anyone else. "You can watch the tape and know I need to play better," he said. "There were times (last week against the Titans) that we had guy open downfield and I couldn't hit them. I told them, 'I need to be better."

Special week for UFC vet Teixeira

Not many people get to celebrate their 42nd birthday by making their final preparations for a UFC title fight. Glover Teixeira had that honor Thursday, and the Brazilian MMA veteran is marking the milestone by thinking about the obstacles he surmounted to get to the brink of an unlikely championship. "I'm a fan of this sport as well, and I love when people overcome situations and break the rules doing something that not many people have done," Teixeira said. "If I win this title now, who did that before? Only one guy: Randy Couture. It's a hard thing to do, and I'm glad that I'm here and I'm going to get it Saturday." A remarkable career that began in 2002 and appeared to be on the wane four years ago reaches another peak Saturday in Abu Dhabi, where Teixeira (32-7) will take on Jan Błachowicz (28-8) for the light heavyweight belt at UFC 267. Teixeira will be the UFC's oldest first-time champ if he can upset the 38-year-old Błachowicz. Couture was 43 when he reclaimed the heavyweight title in 2007. Błachowicz is making his second defense of the title he won by knocking off Dominick Reyes last year. UFC 267 is the first numbered UFC event not on pay-per-view in the U.S. in a decade, although it's still on ESPN+.



Top-10 recruit Patrick Baldwin is set to play for his father, Pat, at Milwaukee. ASHLEY STELTEPOHL/MILWAUKEE ATHLETICS VIA AP

COLLEGE BASKETBALL IMPACT FRESHMEN

Prospects looking up

First-year talent capable of big things right away

By Steve Megargee Associated Press

MILWAUKEE - As one of the nation's top-10 prospects in his class, Patrick Baldwin could have signed with just about any college basketball program in the country.

He opted to stay home and play for his father at Milwaukee, instantly making the Horizon League school one of the nation's more interesting stories this season.

"In the end, it was mostly just the thought of playing for my dad was super-intriguing," Baldwin said. "I thought this was a good place, a good spot, where I could develop as a player and as a person, and play for the person who's lived with me for 18 years."

Baldwin was ranked seventh in his class according to composite rankings of recruiting sites compiled by 247Sports.

"What makes him potentially special is he's 6-foot-9, highly skilled and he's got a chance to be one of the best jump shooters in college basketball as a freshman," said Eric Bossi, the director of basketball for 247Sports.

Baldwin is the first top-10 247Sports Composite high school recruit to sign with a school outside the power conferences that wasn't Gonzaga or Memphis since Western Kentucky landed Charles Bassey, the nation's No.

6 overall prospect in 2018. He joins a Milwaukee program that has posted just one winning season since making its last NCAA Tournament appearance in 2014. Milwaukee is picked to finish fourth in the Horizon League this year, according to a preseason poll from the league.

Baldwin grew up learning the game from his father, who goes by Pat Baldwin. But this will be the first time the elder Baldwin's coached his son on an actual team.

Pat Baldwin is entering his fifth season as Milwaukee's coach after working as an assistant at Northwestern, Missouri State, Loyola-Chicago and Green Bay. Patrick Baldwin praised his dad for the way he handled the unusual assignment of recruiting a family member.

"He was super hands-off," Patrick Baldwin said. "He let it be my decision. He let me take control of my legacy and career. I give him major props for that. Because I think if I was in his position, I definitely would have pushed the

Here's a look at some other freshmen who could make an impact this

Duke F Paolo Banchero: A 6-9 forward from Seattle, Banchero is the first player from Washington to play for Duke since Quin Snyder suited up for the Blue Devils from 1986-89. He's ranked second in his class by the 247Sports Composite.

Memphis F Emoni Bates: The 6-9 forward from Ypsilanti, Michigan, Bates was named the Gatorade national high school player of the year in 2020. He's part of a top-ranked Memphis class that also features 6-11 center Jalen Duren, the nation's No. 5 recruit.

Tennessee G Kennedy Chandler: Chandler is a 6-footer from Memphis, though he played at Sunrise Christian Academy in Bel Aire, Kansas, after earning consecutive Tennessee Mr. Basketball honors at Briarcrest Christian School in Memphis. He's ranked eighth in the 247Sports Composite. Coaches praise his ability to work his way through defenders and create opportunities for teammates.

Gonzaga F Chet Holmgren: This 7-footer from Minneapolis had former Gonzaga guard Jalen Suggs as a high school teammate. Holmgren wants to get Gonzaga to the Final Four, just as Suggs did last season. Holmgren has a 7-6 wingspan and is ranked as the nation's No. 1 prospect in his class. He played on four state championship teams and was named the national player of the year by multiple services.

Auburn F Jabari Smith: Sixth in the 247Sports Composite, Smith is the highest-rated recruit to sign with the Tigers. The 6-10 forward from Fayetteville, Georgia, is the son of Jabari Smith Sr., who played at LSU from 1998-2000 and was in the NBA with three teams from 2001-05. Smith is a cousin of Kwame Brown, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2001 NBA draft.

UCLA G/F Peyton Watson: The Bruins return all 10 players who played in the NCAA Tournament during their Final Four run last season, but Watson is so talented that he's still bound to have a major role for UCLA in the upcoming campaign. The 6-8 swingman averaged 30 points his senior year at Long Beach Poly.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAMES TO WATCH

Picture in Big Ten about to get clearer

By Matt Murschel | Orlando Sentinel



No. 6 Michigan (7-0) at No. 8 Michigan State (7-0)

Noon Saturday, FOX

The battle for the Paul Bunyan Trophy has extra special meaning with both teams undefeated for the first time since 2010. The winner of this one gets an advantage in the East Division standings and moves one step closer to a Big Ten championship and a possible spot in the College Football Playoff. Michigan State's Kenneth Walker III (997 yards) and Michigan's Blake Corum (729 yards) lead the conference in rushing. Michigan's defense under firstyear coordinator Mike Macdonald ranks among the best in the country, with defensive end Aidan Hutchinson leading the league in sacks (6.0).



No. 1 Georgia (7-0) vs. Florida (4-3)

3:30 p.m. Saturday, CBS

The World's Largest Cocktail Party returns to Jacksonville with Georgia clearly in the driver's seat in the SEC race. The Bulldogs enter their meeting with Florida featuring the most dominant defense in the country, allowing only 6.6 points and 208 yards per game. The last time a team allowed less than 10 points and 210 yards was 2011 (Alabama). The Crimson Tide went on to finish 12-1 and claim the national championship. This is the first time Florida enters this game unranked since 2017 and the Gators risk losing four games for the second consecutive



No. 10 Ole Miss (6-1) at No. 18 Auburn (5-2)

7 p.m. Saturday, FSPN

Since losing to then-No.1 Alabama, Ole Miss has won three straight and is in the top 10 for the first time since 2015. Auburn's hopes of making a run at an SEC title hinge on beating the Rebels for the sixth straight time. Ole Miss quarterback Matt Corral remains a fixture in the race for the Heisman Trophy with the junior ranked among the top 10 nationally in total offense (341 yards per game), passing efficiency (168.2) and points responsible for (146).



No. 20 Penn State (5-2) at No. 5 Ohio State (6-1)

Ohio State has won five straight following its 35-28 loss to Oregon, outscoring their opponents 272-64 during that stretch. The Buckeyes have the Big Ten's best offense led by quarterback C.J. Stroud, who's passed for 1,996 yards with 22 touchdowns and three interceptions. Penn State is coming off a devastating loss to Illinois in a record nine overtimes last week that all but ended the Nittany Lions' chances of its first Big Ten title since 2016. PSU has lost two straight and the offense has been a shell of itself after quarterback Sean Clifford went down with an injury against



North Carolina (4-3) at No. 11 Notre Dame (6-1)

7:30 p.m. Saturday, NBC

Any hopes of Notre Dame making it to the College Football Playoff for a second straight season rests on the Fighting Irish finishing undefeated the rest of the way. North Carolina is the only team on Notre Dame's remaining schedule with a winning record and represents the biggest challenge so far. It's been an up and down season for the Tar Heels, whose three losses are to teams with a combined record of 9-12. Quarterback Sam Howell is one of five quarterbacks in the ACC with at least 20 total touchdowns (23).

Other Top 25 games of note

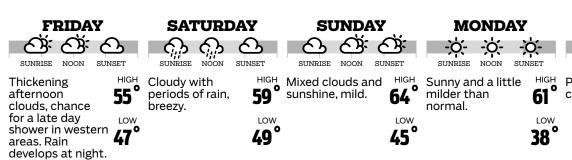
No. 9 Iowa (6-1) at Wisconsin (4-3): The 36 ½ points total from the bookmakers is the lowest on the schedule this week by four points. This game should be played in the snow for the full #B1G effect.

No. 12 Kentucky (6-1) at Mississippi State (4-3): Mike Leach's Bulldogs have thrown the most passes in the SEC (404); the Wildcats have thrown the second-fewest (184). No.19 SMU (7-0) at Houston (6-1): The No.2 defense in the AAC (Houston) faces off vs. the No. 2 offense (SMU).

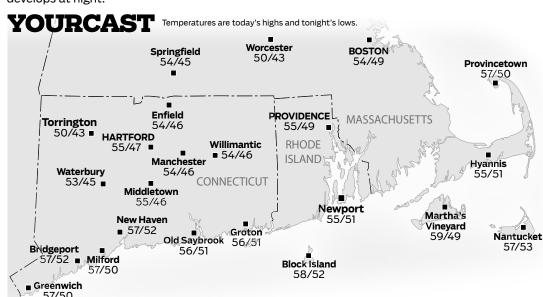
Associated Press



Mel Tucker has Michigan State's rebuild ahead of schedule, with the Spartans in the Big Ten East title hunt. RICH SCHULTZ/







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HIGH Partly sunny and 55° cooler. LOW 38° OUTLOOK

High pressure will bring partly sunny skies on Friday with high temperatures in the 50s, but there will be thickening cloudiness in the afternoon, especially in the western half of the state. While southwestern areas could have a stray shower by sunset, most locations will be remaining dry at least into the evening. Once the rain starts, there will be periods of rain through Saturday and into Saturday night. It will be breezy. Rainfall totals and the wind intensity won't be close to the levels that occurred earlier this week. High pressure will bring some sunshine on Sunday.

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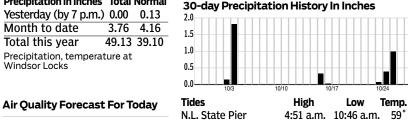
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Sunrise	7:19 a.m.	7:20 a.m.
Sunset	5:50 p.m.	5:48 p.m
Moonrise	a.m.	12:53 a.m.
Moonset	3:02 p.m.	3:32 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL

Albuquerque 69 43 S

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NEW ENGLAND

Bangor

Caribou

Concord

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Baltimore

Bismarck

Charleston

Cincinnati

Cleveland

Indianapolis

Jacksonville

Miami Beach

Milwaukee

Boise

Buffalo

Anchorage

34/31/C

BOYS SOCCER

RESULTS

CCC-North WINDSOR 4, NEW BRITAIN 2 Goals: W-Heber Garcia (2), Justin Dawkins, Ryan Stillman; **NB**—Lee Chambers, Cameron Naples. **Saves**: W-Breon Parker, 2: NB-Max Szczepanik, 8. Rec.: **W**-5-7-1; **NB**-4-7. CRAL

AEROSPACE 9. CIVIC LEADERSHIP 4 Goals: A—Marcelo Morales (2), Caly Estrada (2), Frandi Aguilar (2), Jacobo Hovos Lemos, Marcus Joshi, own goal: CL—Muhammad Hussein (2), Trent Thorpe (2). Saves: A—Zachary Krar, 2; CL-Alex Lajoie, 6. Rec.: A-12-1-3;

FIELD HOCKEY

CHESHIRE 3. LAURALTON HALL 1 Goals: C—Emily Curtis, Jenna Kemp, Lauren Houle; LH—Lily Pinko. Saves: **C**-Hannah Jalowiec, 1. Rec.: **C**-13-2-1;

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

E.O. SMITH 3, EAST CATHOLIC 1 (25-16, **25-17, 12-25, 25-18) EOS:** Natalie Villanueva, 15digs, 9aces,

6kills, Sierra York, 14digs, 13assists, 11 kills. Rec.: **EOS**—16-2; **EC**—10-10. CCC-Inter **PLAINVILLE 3, BULKELEY 1 (25-8, 25-18,**

25-27, 25-17) P: Wiki Galaryn, 15kills, Alivia Bialko, 13 assists; **B:** Alondra Vega, 6digs, 4aces, 3kills, Jen Weir, 6kills, 6digs, 3blocks. Rec.: P-15-5; B-4-14.

GRANBY 3, ROCKVILLE 0 (25-18, 25-16, 25-15)

G: Jayne Hiatt, 9kills, 3digs, Nora Metcalfe, 9kills, 6aces; R: Athena Diaz, 10assists. Rec.: G-18-1; R-10-7.

RHAM 3, FITCH 2 (25-20, 20-25, 25-22, R: Ally Hadley, 17digs, 15kills, Zoe Parkinson, 15kills, Leah Bahamonde, 22 digs. Rec.: **R**—18-1; **F**—12-5.

FRIDAY'S HIGH **SCHOOL SCHEDULE ALL GAMES AT 3:45 P.M. UNLESS**

FOOTBALL

CCC Tier 1: Hall at Glastonbury, 6:30 p.m.; New Britain at Maloney, 6:30p.m.; East Hartford at Southington, 7p.m.; Simsbury at Conard, 7p.m. CCC Tier 2: Middletown at Manchester, 6p.m.; Berlin at Newington, 6:30p.m.; Platt at Windsor, 7p.m.; Wethersfield at Enfield, 7p.m. CCC Tier **3:** Bloomfield at Farmington, 6

p.m.; South Windsor at Bristol Eastern, 6:30p.m. CCC Tier 4: Hartford Public at Avon. 6p.m.; Lewis Mills at Tolland, 7p.m.; Northwest Catholic at Rocky Hill, 7p.m.

Pequot Inter: Granby/Canton at Crom-well/Portland, 6p.m.; Coginchaug/ Hale-Ray/East Hampton at Rockville. 6:30p.m.; CREC co-op at Coventry/ Windham Tech/Bolton/Lyman Memorial, 6:30p.m.; SMSA at North Branford, 6:30p.m.; Stafford/East Windsor/ Somers at Valley Regional/Old Lyme, 6:30p.m.; Windsor Locks/Suffield/ East Granby at Haddam-Killingworth, 6:30p.m. CTC: Platt Tech at VG Techs, 6p.m.;

Thames River at Cheney Tech, 6p.m.; Quinebaug Valley at Northwest United,

SCC Tier 2: Hamden at Wilbur Cross, 6p.m.; Hillhouse at Sheehan, 6:30 p.m.; Notre Dame-West Haven at West Haven, 7p.m. SCC Tier **3:** Bassick at East Haven, 7

SCC Inter: Harding at Fairfield Prep,

ECC Div. II: Ledyard at Windham, 6p.m.; Stonington at Waterford, 6:30p.m ECC Div. III: Killingly at Griswold/ Wheeler, 6:30p.m.; Montville at Plain

AROUND THE WORLD Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

New Orleans 68 51 PC

Salt Lake City 65 44 PC

58 53 C

58 33 S

81 61 PC

69 50 SH

53 49 R

78 46 S

74 62 PC

KEY: S Sunny, C Cloudy, PC Partly Cloudy, R Rain, SH Showers, SN Snow, SF Snow Flurries, T T-storms

66 39

Nashville

New York

Okla. City

Pittsburgh

Omaha

Orlando

Raleigh

St. Louis

San Antonio

San Diego

field, 6:30p.m. ECC Inter: Woodstock Academy at East Lyme, 6:30p.m. NVI Inter: Torrington at Ansonia

6:30p.m.; Woodland at Wolcott, 6:30 p.m.; Holy Cross at Naugatuck, 7p.m.; Kennedy at Watertown, 7p.m. FCIAC **East:** Staples at Norwalk, 7p.m. FCIAC **West:** Bridgeport Central at Danbury, 7p.m.
FCIAC Inter: Trumbull at Fairfield
Warde, 7p.m.; Westhill at McMahon,

SWC: New Fairfield at Masuk, 7p.m. Others: Stratford at Fitch, 6:30 p.m.; Bunnell at Hand, 7p.m.; NFA at Cheshire, 7p.m.; Xavier at New Milford, 7p.m.; Bethel at Law, 7p.m.; Foran at Weston, 7p.m.; Newtown at Shelton, 7 p.m.; Pomperaug at North Haven, 7p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

CCC-Inter: Bristol Central at Conard; Middletown at Hartford Public: Simsbury at E.O. Smith; Southington at Enfield; New Britain at Lewis Mills, 6 p.m.; East Hartford at Farmington, 6

NCCC: Granby at SMSA/Bulkeley; Windsor Locks at East Granby, 6p.m.; Stafford at East Windsor, 7:30p.m. CRAL: Innovation at Civic Leadership

Others: Classical at Amistad

CCC-South: Berlin at Bristol Central,

CCC-Inter: Hartford Public at Platt: Bloomfield at Avon; Bristol Eastern at Northwest Catholic; Enfield at Rocky Hill; Windsor at East Catholic; RHAM at Newington; Conard at Maloney; E.O. Smith at Hall, 6p.m.; Middletown at New Britain, 6p.m.; Simsbury at Wethersfield, 6p.m.

NCCC: Stafford at East Windsor/SMSA/ Bulkeley, 5:20p.m.; Coventry at Somers 6p.m.; Suffield at Granby, 6p.m.; Windsor Locks at East Granby, 8p.m. **CRAL:** Civic Leadership/Aerospace at Capital Prep, 3:30p.m. ECC: Windham at Wheeler, 4p.m.:

Bacon Academy at Lyman Memorial, 6:30p.m. Others: Bolton at Windham Tech: Classical at HMTCA, 4p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY

CCC: Northwest Catholic at Avon, 3 p.m.: Farmington at Enfield: Glaston bury at Southington; East Catholic at Newington, 5:30p.m.; Lewis Mills at E.O. NCCC: Canton at Stafford, 6p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CCC-West: Avon at Farmington, 6p.m.

CCC-Inter: New Britain at Bristol East-

NCCC: Canton at Granby, 6p.m. CTC: Wilcox Tech at Cheney Tech, 5:30

p.m.
Others: Weaver at Hartford Public, 4:30 p.m.; Valley Regional at Innovation, 5 p.m.; HMTCA at Classical, 5p.m.; Bolton at Windham, 5:30p.m.; Windham Tech at Rockville, 5:30p.m.; Fitch at Hadd-am-Killingworth, 5:30p.m.; Hand at NFA, 6:30p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Others: Haddam-Killingworth at Middletown, 4p.m.; Bulkeley/HMTCA at Windsor Locks co-op, 4p.m.; Suffield at

FRIDAY'S COLLEGE **SCHEDULE**

MEN'S SOCCER

UMass-Dartmouth at Eastern, 1p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

50s

Minneapolis

55/40/PC

Kansas City

53/40/C

60s

Dallas

70s

Houston

74/46/S

San Juan

WORLD

Amsterdam

Tucson

Athens

Beijing

Berlin

Bermuda

Bangkok

Barbados

59/51/SH

Eastern at UMass-Dartmouth, 6:30p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY

Fairfield at Bryant, 3:30p.m. UConn at Temple, noon Quinnipiac at Providence, 6p.m.

89 76 PC

63 48 SH

66 54 S

63 43 C

59 41 S

78 72 PC

88 81

86 72

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Central at LIU, 6p.m. Sacred Heart at St. Francis-Brooklyn, Hartford at UMBC, 7p.m. Conn. College at Trinity, 7p.m.

MEN'S HOCKEY

Yale at Cornell, 7p.m.

Niagara at Sacred Heart, 5:30p.m. Quinnipiac at AIC, 7p.m.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Sacred Heart at Post, 4n.m. Princeton at Yale, 6p.m. Quinnipiac at Brown, 6p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS W 22 **L** 7 9 Tampa Bay 58 54 51 40 37 25 15 8 9 15 Pittsburgh 16 Miami FC Hartford Athletic 12 Charleston N.Y. Red Bulls II 10 14 18 6 24 **L** 7 7 Loudoun United 3 **T** Central Birmingham Louisville City 18 17 60 58 44 Memphis 12 10 8 12 5 10 13 44 37 35 34 20 **PTS OKC Energy** 8 10 Atlanta United II 14 19 **L** 3 Sporting K.C. II Mountain El Paso 18 10 San Antonio 10 Colorado Springs 13 11 10 10 New Mexico 41 Austin 10 10 11 41 22 Real Monarchs 18 **W** 20 PTS **Pacific** 6 7 5 Phoenix Orange County 10 49 47 12 San Diego 6 L.A. Galaxy II 11 14 39 38 Oakland Tacoma 10 13 38 35 21

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

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Pittsburgh 1, Miami FC 0 Memphis 3, Tulsa 2 Rio Grande 3, Real Monarchs 1

Las Vegas

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

N.Y. Red Bulls II at Loudoun United, 1 Hartford Athletic at Pittsburgh, 7p.m. Miami FC at Charleston, 7p.m. Indy at Memphis, 7p.m. Real Monarchs at New Mexico, 7p.m. Louisville City at Birmingham, 7:30p.m. Charlotte at Austin, 8p.m. OKC Energy at Tulsa, 8p.m. El Paso at Rio Grande, 8:30p.m.

Colorado Springs at San Antonio, 8:30 Tampa Bay at Las Vegas, 10p.m. Sporting K.C. II at Oakland, 10p.m Orange County at L.A. Galaxy II, 10:30

. Tacoma at Phoenix, 10:30p.m. San Diego at Sacramento, 10:30p.m. **HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL** WEEK 8

Coginchaug, Granby/Canton look to rebound from losses

By Lori Riley Hartford Courant

In Week 8 of Connecticut high school football, Coginchaug/Hale-Ray/East Hampton will be looking for a shot at redemption after losing by 30 points to Morgan last week in a Pequot Conference

Rockville will be a tough opponent to do that against. The Rams beat undefeated Granby/Canton 42-0 last Friday behind pick-sixes from Hason Green and Juneil Powers.

It doesn't get any easier for Granby/ Canton this week as the co-op faces another test in unbeaten Cromwell/Portland.

Platt, which faces Windsor, has had one-point games go both ways in the last two weeks. A 22-21 win over Weston last week was decided on a two-point conversion pass by Avery Robinson in overtime.

In other local action, Bloomfield and Hall are big favorites to continue their unbeaten streaks on Friday night. Here are games to watch this week:

Coginchaug/Hale-Ray/ **East Hampton at Rockville**

The Coginchaug co-op (5-1) will travel to Rockville (4-1) on Friday at 6:30 p.m. for a Pequot Conference game. Coginchaug will be looking to rebound from a 50-20 defeat against Morgan last week after allowing Huskies QB Andrew Nye to pass for 466 yards and seven touchdowns.

Rockville has won four straight since losing its opener to SMSA 21-0.

Platt at Windsor

Platt (4-2) will travel to Windsor (5-1) on Friday at 7 p.m. for a CCC Tier 2 game.

Platt has played two one-point games in the last two weeks, losing to unbeaten Hall 39-38 two weeks ago and rallying from a 14-0 deficit to edge Weston in overtime in a Connecticut Football Alliance game last week. Quarterback Avery Robinson was 11-for-21 for 149 yards, and his brother Amari rushed for 174 yards and two touch-

Windsor junior QB Elijah Cromartie threw four touchdowns in a 28-17 win over Simsbury last week. He has 13 passing touchdowns and five rushing TDs this season.

Granby/Canton at Cromwell/Portland

The Granby/Canton co-op (4-1) got Lori Riley can be reached at lriley@coutorched by Rockville last week and is



Granby/Canton's Luke Maher pursues Ellington's Dominic Mangiafico during a game Oct. 8. Granby, which lost to Rockville last week, will face undefeated Cromwell/ Portland on Friday. JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

looking for redemption in the Pequot interdivisional game against the unbeaten Cromwell/Portland co-op (5-0) on Friday at Pierson Park in Cromwell at 6 p.m.

Cromwell/Portland has outscored its opponents 199-23 and is led by junior quarterback Cole Brisson with 12 touchdown passes and 966 passing yards this season.

Thames River at Cheney Tech

Cheney Tech (5-1) will host undefeated Thames River (6-0) on Friday at 6 p.m. in a CTC game. Cheney lost its first game last week to the Abbott Tech/Immaculate co-op, 7-6. Beavers freshman quarterback Dazhaun Copeland has passed for seven TDs and rushed for six.

Thames River is a cooperative between Norwich Tech, St. Bernard and Grasso Tech.

Bloomfield at Farmington

Bloomfield (6-0) looks to continue its unbeaten streak when it travels to Farmington (0-6) on Friday at 6:30 p.m. in a CCC Tier 3 game. Warhawks sophomore QB Darrien Foster has 771 passing yards and 11 touchdowns, while senior running back Dallas Rose has rushed for 819 yards and 14 TD. Bloomfield's defense has had two shutouts and held four opponents to one touchdown.

Hall at Glastonbury

Hall (6-0) will travel to Glastonbury (1-5) on Friday at 6:30 p.m. in a CCC Tier 1 game. Hall is coming off a 28-24 victory over Berlin. Hall quarterback Eli Salomons has passed for 1,146 yards and nine touchdowns, and running back Leo Perreira has 15 touchdowns and 888 rushing yards on 181 carries for the Warriors.